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## Sources: Torres hires NY lawyer Smith as counsel

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**G**ov. Ralph DLG. Torres has hired Patrick J. Smith, a former federal prosecutor in the CNMI who has been named a New York super lawyer, as his counsel related to the ongoing Federal Bureau of Investigation's probe



Smith

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against him and several others, *Saipan Tribune* learned from multiple sources.

Smith is currently with the New York City-based law firm Smith Villazor LLP, which he co-founded. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. District Court for the NMI and Guam from 2002 to 2005. Smith used to be partner with the law firm DLP Piper, **See COUNSEL on Page 4**

### DAMAGED SIGN

The sign at the entrance of the Mihaville Estate in Garapan has been damaged after a red Toyota Tacoma slammed into it last Jan. 22. There was no immediate word if the police investigated the incident.

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## House now has Torres docs

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The Department of Finance

finally handed over yesterday the financial records of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that the House minority bloc had

been seeking in an Open Government Act request made last year.

Finance Secretary David Atalig said that his office was able to provide most of the

documents requested, with very few ones that would require manual reviewing, to follow.

"We were able to pretty **See HOUSE on Page 4**

## NMI ramps up passenger screening

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News that the newly discovered coronavirus that allegedly came from Wuhan, China, has now reached U.S. soil has elevated concerns about its potential entry into the CNMI and has prompted the local health department to screen all incoming passengers at the Saipan airport.

According to a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. statement yesterday, it said that its preparedness staff at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport is working with Customs and Quarantine to screen incoming passengers.

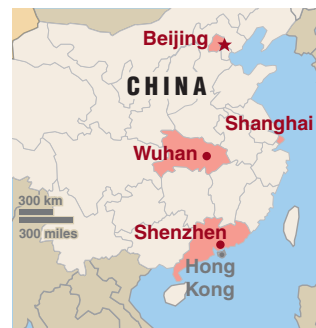
The airport screening has two stages: First, a Customs official is provided a flight manifest for incoming flights, which identifies passengers and the places they had recently traveled to or from. Customs then informs personnel of the CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program of incoming arrivals from affected ar-

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### Virus spreads

The disease, believed to have spread from Wuhan, has killed six and infected nearly 300 in China. There has been confirmation that the disease can spread with human contact.

• Symptoms of the new coronavirus include fever, cough, tightness of the chest and shortness of breath



### Cases outside China



Sources: AP, BBC  
Graphic: Staff, TNS

## New virus from China seen in US

**SEATTLE (AP)**—The U.S. on Tuesday reported its first case of a new and potentially deadly virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who returned last week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle.

The man, identified as a Snohomish County resident is

in his 30s, was in good condition and wasn't considered a threat to medical staff or the public, health officials said.

U.S. officials stressed that they believe the virus' overall risk to the American public remained low.

"This is not a moment of high anxiety," Gov. Jay Inslee said.

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## Local

# Ban on H-2B visa for workers from the Philippines retained

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The bar on H-2B visas for workers in the Philippines remain.

Last year, on Jan. 19, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security removed the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, and Ethiopia from the H-2B visa program due to the potential for abuse, overstay rates, fraud, human trafficking, and other forms of non-compliance.

The ban was supposed to end last week, Jan. 18, but DHS has elected to retain it.

"The Trump administration announced last Thursday it will continue to bar the use of H-2B visas for workers from the Philippines," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in his digital newsletter.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, for individuals from a particular country to remain eligible for H-2A and H-2B programs, both the country and its beneficiaries working in the United States must demonstrate a continued commitment to upholding the integrity of the U.S. immigration system, fidelity to U.S.

laws, and fundamental respect for human rights and public safety.

The Philippines was made ineligible last year because of problems with human trafficking, according to the Trump administration.

"To get some exception for

the Marianas, which historically turns to the Philippines as a source of labor because of proximity, language, and culture, I asked the Department of Homeland Security for specific data on human trafficking of Filipinos in the Marianas or how trafficking had changed

in 2018 to warrant the ban beginning in 2019," Sablan said.

The DHS gave no answer. According to Sablan, there are H-2B-eligible countries in the region that could supply the CNMI with workers, such as Taiwan or Fiji.

"One of the reasons I

worked for, and succeeded in getting enacted, my new law allowing an additional 3,000 CW permits for construction workers was because of the Trump administration's ban on the Philippines," Sablan said.

That new law, the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act, al-

lows workers to come to the Marianas from any country on the Department of Homeland Security's approved list for 2018 to assist in the typhoon recovery work and prepare the islands for future storms.

At that time, the list included the Philippines.

## Saipan now also a marriage proposal destination

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The Saipan Mayor's Office officiated 619 tourist marriages last year. Unrecorded, though, are the hundreds of marriage proposals that were made on Saipan by travelers who take advantage of the scenic views and perfect sunset to ask the magic question, "Will you marry me?"

Couple Gio Loh and Mia Deng from Singapore created a milestone in their relationship when Loh asked Deng to marry him two weeks ago. The kicker? They did it underwater.

As Loh tells it: "We saw Saipan through a Chinese website that offers Saipan holiday tour. It has a lot of intro-

duction of places and things to do on Saipan. Mia and I read reviews of where people went and what they did. Many said that Saipan is a very beautiful place. That and seeing the photos, we were captivated and booked a holiday in Saipan right away."

According to Loh, their planned simple holiday turned into an opportunity for him to propose. "Mia had no idea and, because we travel a lot, she thought that this was just one of our regular travels. Mia thinks that when I propose, I won't put a spin on it or be creative about it," he said.

"Saipan is a beautiful place, so proposing there and under the sea will totally surprise her. ... Mia loves to go scuba diving and we went to beauti-



Travelers Gio Loh and Mia Deng made Saipan a special place in their hearts after Loh's underwater marriage proposal and Deng answering a big yes.

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ful Lau Lau Bay, which is the perfect place to propose underwater," he added.

Loh made all the arrangements, sharing his plans only with the dive company. "We are extremely grateful to our trainers and coaches—James Hsu, Ansel, and Ling of iMarianas—that helped us with all the arrangement as they did most of the planning. ... So I did it and asked her to marry me underwater. Mia said yes and it was perfect because we saw a turtle swimming around us. That made everything more special," he said.

"That was truly a memorable moment for my girlfriend and now my future wife. ... We will definitely come back to Saipan. This place now has a personal significance for me and Mia," Loh added.



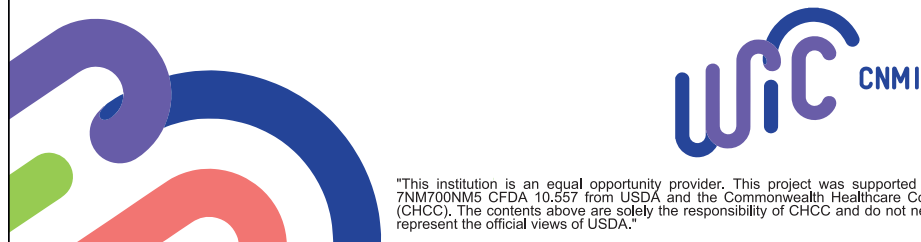
Gio Loh and Mia Deng agree that Saipan has now personal significance for both of them

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# CNN: New visa rule to stop 'birth tourism' out soon

Quoting an unnamed U.S. State Department official, CNN reports that the department will soon be making changes to its visa guidelines in a bid to curb birth tourism, the practice of foreign nationals giving birth on U.S. soil to ensure their children become American citizens.

The State Department official told CNN that the department is amending a regulation to ensure that visitor visas to the U.S. are not used for birth

tourism. The rule will be "published shortly," according to the official, who said it is intended to address the national security and law enforcement risks associated with the practice. Details about the change, how it will be enforced and the impact to travelers were not immediately available.

The Department of Homeland Security and White House referred CNN to the State Department for comment.

The expected announcement

comes a week after a Hong Kong-based airline apologized for demanding that a passenger take a test to prove she was not pregnant before boarding a flight to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, which has emerged as a favorite destination for "birth tourism."

The airline said in a statement that it was under pressure from authorities on Saipan to step up checks on passengers.

"We took actions on flights to Saipan from February 2019

to help ensure U.S. immigration laws were not being undermined," the airline said. "Under our new management, we recognize the significant concerns this practice has caused. We have immediately suspended the practice while we review it."

It not immediately clear whether the incident was related to the U.S. regulatory change.

In July, the CNMI House of Representatives passed a resolution seeking to limit birthright

citizenship on the islands in the wake of the increased popularity of birth tourism in Saipan.

The U.S. has sought legal action against people thought to be capitalizing on the industry. Last year, the Department of Justice charged three people with running "birth tourism" companies that catered to Chinese clients in Southern California—the first time that criminal charges had been filed in a U.S. federal court over the practice.

The charges stemmed from a 2015 raid of dozens of so-called "maternity hotels," often upscale apartments, where mothers-to-be paid between \$15,000 and \$50,000 to give birth in the US, according to a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement statement at the time.

In 2018, President Donald Trump vowed to end birthright citizenship by executive order, though lawmakers immediately pushed back against his comments. (CNN)

## 15 take oath as new citizens

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Ernesto Valencia Lacorte, 65, a native of Tagkawayan, Quezon, Philippines, had goosebumps yesterday at the naturalization ceremony in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. After living on Saipan for 32 years and fresh from retiring as chief financial officer of the 7th Day Adventist Clinic, Lacorte said that finally obtaining his American citizenship "is a kind of culmination of what we dreamed of."

"I think it is kind of validation of my love for this island, my love for this country," he said in an interview after the ceremony.

Lacorte first came to Saipan in 1987 when he served as an accountant with Basic Construction, before moving to the 7th Day Adventist Clinic as its chief financial officer.

Lacorte, who always tells himself that if he has to do "something," he has to go through all the steps of whatever needs to be done, would have to come up with new plans now.

"I have to plan the next

## Man'amko to take part in softball game

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Some of the *man'amko*, along with representatives of the Office of Aging, will trade one morning of their regular bingo games for an exhibition game of softball while it's still a little breezy out.

According to Office of Aging director Walter Manglona, some of the *man'amko* and some of the younger staff of the office will have their fun in the sun on Jan. 24 starting at 8am at the softball field on Capital Hill.

"It depends on their [*man'amko*] age and physical limitations; ...the rest will be some of the younger, full time staff," said Manglona. "This game will be considered as a team building [exercise] and to also help the *man'amko* stay active."

"We work in a pretty stressful environment all day, and

thing I would do," said Lacorte who was among the 15 persons from the Philippines, South Korea, and China who took their oaths yesterday as new citizens.

For Korean couple Jeamsuk Baek and Daeyoung Huh, yesterday's ceremony was the culmination of almost eight years of holding green cards as a religious missionary couple.

Huh first came to Saipan as a tourist in 2004. Huh, a pastor, and his wife, Baek, returned as missionaries the following year.

Huh has been teaching Korean at the Northern Marianas College for five semesters now. Huh, 57, and Baek, 52, have one daughter, who was born in Hawaii. The couple are still doing missionary work at the Amen Church in Kagman.

For Elsa Torrecampo Zapanta, she is just happy and proud to be U.S. citizen. Zapanta, who hails from Cavite, Philippines, first came to the island in 1984.

Cinta M. Kaipat, who served as the guest speaker at the ceremony, expressed hope that, no matter where the new citizens would go after obtain-

ing their citizenship, they don't forget that they always have a home here in the CNMI.

The lawyer, who is also a former lawmaker, said that when the prospective U.S. citizens walked through the doors of Horiguchi Building where the District Court is located, they also walked in with their dreams. They will then

be walking out to start living their dreams, she added.

"Because we all aspire to realize our dreams and live our best lives and give back to our community. Love our America, and pledge to make it better so you have to get involved. Make it better and we need to care for each other. Make this world a better place," she said.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, second from left in front, Cinta M. Kaipat, extreme left in front, and Immigration Services officer Aaron Johnson, to Manglona's left, join 15 new U.S. citizens for a photo after a naturalization ceremony in federal court yesterday morning.

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona presided over the ceremony and administered the oath and pledge of allegiance for the new citizens.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

Aside from Lacorte, Baek,

Huh, and Zapanta, the other new citizens are Arnel Concepcion Cadiang, Lillian Dalumpines Cadiang, Yueping Guo, Crispulo Bagtas Hilario Jr., Rosalinda Pineda Lizama, Luz Inay Martin, Alfredo Gomez Napo, Ruel Chiu Nava, Manolo Balais Reyes, Bobby Nacario Sanje, and Cherrie Panlilio Villanueva.



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## Preliminary work starts on 2020 Census in Guam

**TAMUNING, Guam**—The 2020 Census of Guam is preparing to visit neighborhoods in villages throughout the island to begin collecting data for the census.

On Monday, Feb. 3, census workers will begin conducting what is known as Address Listing. They will be using maps during this operation to locate and list where all of Guam's residents live and primarily stay.

Address Listing helps ensure a complete and accurate population

count by noting where houses, apartments, shelters, and other residences are located.

"An accurate address list really is the cornerstone of conducting a high-quality census," said Bernadine Gines, manager of the Guam Census Office. "It's the critical first step in the process."

Address Listing will take place during the entire month of February. Census workers will then travel door to door in March to conduct the in-person interviews for each

household. The interview period will extend through summer 2020 to make sure everyone in Guam is counted once, only once, and in the right place.

During both the Address Listing and interview phases, every census worker will have an official Government of Guam badge and a federal badge identifying them as an official 2020 Census of Guam worker. They will also carry an official U.S. Census Bureau work bag.



Workers for the 2020 Census of Guam will be out in the community through the entire month of February to conduct Address Listing. They will be using maps during this operation to locate and list where all of Guam's residents live and primarily stay.

GUAM CENSUS OFFICE

## VIRUS

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**BEIJING (AP)**—The number of cases of a new virus has risen to 440 in China and the death toll has risen to 9, Chinese health authorities said Wednesday.

Deputy Director of the National Health Commission Li Bin told reporters that the figures were current as of midnight Tuesday. All the deaths had been in Hubei province, home to Wuhan city where the first illnesses from coronavirus were reported in late December.

Li said that marked an increase of 149 confirmed cases. He said Japan and South Korea had confirmed one case each and Thailand three. The U.S. and Taiwan also confirmed one case each on Tuesday.

Concerned about a global outbreak similar to SARS, another coronavirus that spread from China to more than a dozen countries in 2002-2003, numerous nations

have adopted screening measures for travelers from China, especially those arriving from Wuhan.

The worries have been heightened by the coming of the Lunar New Year holiday rush, when millions of Chinese travel at home and abroad.

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The newly discovered virus can cause coughing, fever, breathing difficulty and pneumonia. The U.S. joins a growing list of places outside mainland China reporting cases, following Thailand, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

Airports around the world have stepped up monitoring, checking passengers from China for signs of illness in hopes of containing the virus during the busy Lunar New Year travel season.

Late last week, U.S. health officials began screening passengers from Wuhan in central China, where the outbreak began. The screening had been underway at three U.S. airports—New York City's Kennedy airport and the Los Angeles and San Francisco airports. On Tuesday, the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced it would add Chicago's O'Hare airport and Atlanta's airport to the mix later this week.

What's more, officials also will begin forcing all passengers from Wuhan to go to one of those five airports if they wish to enter the U.S.

The hospitalized U.S. resident had no symptoms when he arrived at the Seattle-Tacoma airport last Wednesday, but he started feeling ill on Thursday and went to a doctor on Sunday with a fever and a cough, officials said. Lab testing on Monday confirmed he had the virus.

"The gentleman right now is very healthy," Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the CDC said Tuesday.

The hospital, Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, said in a statement that it expected the man would remain in isolation and under monitoring there at least until Thursday.

CDC officials said they sent a team to Washington to try to track down people who might have come in contact with the man. The hospital also said it was contacting "the

tice in 2005.

In January 2015, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino hired Smith to assist local attorney Bruce Berline in the criminal case filed against the company by the U.S. government over its failure to file transaction reports, among other charges.

Last Nov. 7 and 8, the FBI seized documents, records, and property in its search for evidence of violations of federal laws by Torres, the governor's three brothers—Vincent, Victorino, and Joaquin, Alfred Chi-Yan Yue, and Ron Li Anderson.

Offices searched include Torres' on Capital Hill and IPI's accounting office at Marina Heights Office Park Building in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

Terrina Long, the 2020 Census adviser to Guam, stressed the importance of protecting respondents' personal information during and after census activities.

"All responses will remain strictly confidential, even during this early stage of field activities," Long said. "Every employee of the 2020 Census of Guam takes a lifetime oath to protect that information."

Violating that oath would result in a prison sentence of up to five years,

as much as \$250,000 in fines, or both.

The 2020 Census of Guam is the once-in-a-decade population count of the island, providing a snapshot of its growing and diverse community. Responses to the 2020 Census of Guam will help to direct federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.

For more information, contact the Guam Census Office at (671) 645-2020 or guam@2020census.gov. **(PR)**

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eas, such as Wuhan.

PHEP surveillance staff then question these passengers about recent travel and any symptoms they may be experiencing. This information is used to determine whether the individual should seek further care.

If a potential case is identified, PHEP staff will notify the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to transport the patient to the Commonwealth Health Center.

"CHCC can then initiate protocols for a potential infectious disease case, ensuring that the patient can be treated and isolated in such a way that protects them, the staff, and other patients at the hospital," the CHCC statement said.

As the virus continues to spread, CHCC has also been monitoring, through the World Health Organization, where the latest outbreaks are.

CHCC is also in constant contact

with the Centers for Disease Control about the virus—now called 2019-nCoV—to discuss entry screening and to report suspected cases, if there are any.

According to a CDC release, the immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV to the general American public is considered low at this time.

Chinese health authorities have confirmed that the virus is a communicable disease, meaning humans can spread it to each other through the air and other means.

As of yesterday, cases of the new coronavirus have been reported in China, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and the United States.

The virus has reportedly claimed nine lives, majority of which were elderly and had pre-existing conditions.

More than 440 cases of the virus have been confirmed across China, with the majority in Wuhan itself.

There has only been one reported case in the United States.

## HOUSE

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much get all the information they requested for. There are some items that we're still trying to locate information. But I would say about 98% of the data requested or documents requested was submitted to them," Atalig said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Among the records that Finance gave the opposition lawmakers were related to the governor's official representation, housing allowances, executive security, chauffeur services, and reimbursements; travel authorizations, vouchers and expenditures; and housing or utilities expenses paid by the Commonwealth government for any government official from October 2014 to present.

Minority bloc member Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) confirmed the turnover of documents, saying, "Finance has handed over the records requested by the House minority, the Ways and Means Committee, and the [Judicial and Government Operations] Committee."

She said that legislative staff went to the Department of Finance yesterday to pack up the documents in boxes to take them back to the House.

Sablan echoed that there are a few items that the Department of Finance staff are still tracking down.

"These include payroll reports for the executive security detail, and several records related to utilities. Finance staff are also still manually reviewing travel records to identify

any other first-class travel that may have been paid for by the Commonwealth," she said.

According to Atalig, the Department of Finance has to manually review some requests for information on the government-paid travel of those who accompanied Torres on his trips.

"We just want to make sure that we cover and locate everything and everything we can find," Atalig said.

"We're still researching that for them. Once we gather...them in the next 10 days, we'll submit that. But I think they have a lot of documents to work on and this will not hinder their current work," he added.

Prior to the legislative staff picking up the documents, Sablan, with minority leader Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), visited the Finance secretary's office to visually inspect the records, where they had a chance to talk with Atalig as well.

Sablan adds that House Ways and Means chair Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan) is coordinating a meeting today with her and JGO vice chair Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), to do an inventory of the records received, and to compare what they have against what they asked for.

"The documents need to be sorted and scanned and copies provided to the members and professional staff to begin review. I expect that we will also be reaching out to [the Office of the Public Auditor] for assistance," Sablan added.

Aside from submitting documents to the House of Representatives, the Department of Finance also provided documents to OPA.

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a global law that reportedly has 4,200 lawyers in more than 30 countries throughout the America, Asia Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East.

Another source also disclosed that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC legal counsel Viola Alepuyo has consulted Robert T. Torres in connection with the FBI probe.

A separate source said U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona appointed Hawaii Magistrate Judge Wes Reber Porter to handle two warrant applica-

tion matters where she has a conflict.

Sources said the FBI's investigation is still continuing and that there are a lot of subpoenas returnable on Jan. 30, 2020.

Sources said there will also likely be issues with the documents produced and there may be court hearings to determine if more documents must be produced.

Smith received the U.S. Department of Justice's Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and is a two-time recipient of the Director's Award for Superior Court Performance as an assistant U.S. attorney.

After an 11-year stint with DOJ, Smith re-entered private prac-



## 45 students inducted into SSHS Nat'l Honor Society

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A total of 45 sophomores, juniors, and seniors were inducted into Saipan Southern High School's National Honor Society in a candlelit ceremony at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Following the 18th annual induction ceremony last Monday, SSHS now has 45 NHS members in all, with 22 new members and 23 current members.

Students have to meet certain requirements based on four criteria—scholarship, service, leadership, and character—to gain acceptance into the honor society.

At Monday's ceremony, guest speaker Glen Hunter emphasized with the group the importance of character building, quoting Martin Luther King Jr.—“Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education”—to make his point.

“As you move forward in life, you will undoubtedly be hit by challenges. Your ability to maintain good character may be challenged. In those moments, I ask that you take a breath, take a pause, and think back to that statement whenever you end each of your meetings — ‘character matters.’ Let that guide you in those moments. We live today in a world, which is closer to the famous ‘dream’ that Martin Luther King Jr. talked about. Today, you are judged by the content of your charac-



A total of 45 students were inducted into the Saipan Southern High School National Honor Society last Monday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ter,” Hunter said.

The mission of the society is to encourage enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in students.

SSHs-NHS members serve the CNMI community by visiting patients at the hospital and singing Christmas carols to them; hosting the Academic Challenge Bowl; holding beach and campus cleanups; and participating in community events such as the Marianas March Against Cancer and the American Red Cross walkathon.

SSHs-NHS also makes monthly donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which treats childhood cancers and pediatric diseases.

## CHCC: 95% of NMI students vaccinated

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A large chunk of the CNMI student body—about 95%—is up to date with their vaccinations, based on the numbers of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., resulting in a low risk of an outbreak of most vaccine-preventable communicable diseases in schools.

According to data from the CHCC Immunization Program, the overall coverage rate for required vaccinations in all CNMI schools is at an all-time high of 95% and, in just five years, CHCC was able to improve coverage by 62% and lowered the risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable communicable disease, like measles, from occurring.

Five years ago, the overall coverage rate for required vaccinations in all CNMI schools combined was only at 33%. That means only 33% of all CNMI students were up to date with required vaccines for school entry.

The CHCC Immunization Program attributes the increase in coverage rate

to CHCC's enforcement of public health laws in CNMI schools, as well as the collaborative efforts of CHCC's Public Health, the Public School System, and all the private schools. Partnership with parents was also a factor.

There are currently multiple measles outbreaks across the Pacific and Asia as well as the United States.

Although coverage against measles is high among CNMI children, only about 50% of adults born after 1957 are vaccinated against measles.

CHCC continues to encourage all adults in the CNMI who were born after 1957 to get the measles vaccine, especially those travelling abroad or those who interact with foreign visitors often.

For more information about measles or the vaccine, call CHCC's Division of Public Health Immunization Program at 236-8745 on Saipan, 433-9233 on Tinian, and 532-8700 on Rota.

All immunization clinics are open Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4pm, including lunchtime, and no appointments are needed.

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Plan in the works to lessen bacteria load of 3 Saipan watersheds

By IVA MAURIN  
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REPORTER

The bacteria load on three of Saipan’s major watersheds—LaoLao, Achugao, and Garapan—have been determined to be high and all three have been identified as high priorities for rehabilitation.

To address this, several government agencies will be coming together for a four-day workshop to talk about the different initiatives and priorities they have within these three specific geographic areas on Saipan.

According to Anne Kitchell, senior watershed planner with the Horsley Witten Group, all three watersheds have really high bacteria load in the water, with pollutants and contaminants getting out into the Saipan lagoon and into LaoLao Bay.

“For LaoLao, sediment and turbidity are an issue. ... but the bacteria is a really big one,” Kitchell said. “That has to do mostly with the sources of wastewater, like breaks in the sewerline or pump stations that aren’t working or overflowing, or even homes that

have, on site, septic systems. The piggeries can also discharge bacteria to the water.”

“Garapan is a highly urbanized area, lots of buildings, lots of people, a lot going on. Achugao, less so but there’s a lot of new construction, new development, and maybe that watershed area is changing, and then LaoLao [has] less development,” said Kitchell.

The focus, she said, is really on the fisheries, the coral reefs, and the diving.

With all three watersheds serving different purposes for Saipan, Kitchell said there is a need to find a balance between improving water quality, moving forward, while maintaining tourism and economic growth.

“We’re putting together watershed plans in order to integrate all the different agencies—their priorities, the capital improvement projects, coral restoration, road improvement—to ultimately help improve water quality and to try to balance out economic growth with environmental growth so that it is not

competing, but enhancing together,” she said.

Kitchell has brought in a team of engineers, and water quality and site remediation experts from Massachusetts to do field work, measuring drain pipes and looking for flooding problems so they could come up with different engineering solutions for these areas.

The four-day watershed planning workshop will be attended by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Office of Planning and Development, Department of Public Works, and a number of different agencies.

The workshop is being run by Horsley Witten Group, with Nature Conservancy and KOA Consulting. KOA will be running local meetings in the coming days.

Kitchell said people on the island should look for opportunities to come and participate in the community meetings that their group will be having. “They should try to participate in that because it’s their vision

for how the watershed should grow and be managed. That’s what all this planning needs to move toward.”

The watershed planning workshop will run until Jan. 24, Friday, at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in Afetna.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAFA elects new officers

The 37<sup>th</sup> Saipan Agricultural Fair Association has elected new officers, with Dr. Ignacio T. dela Cruz elected as president and William C. Ada as vice president. The other officers are Aileen S. Benavente, treasurer, and Zabrina C. Shai, secretary.

The next SAFA meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, at 10am at the Division of Agriculture in Kagman.

For more information, call Shai at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality at 664-8300 or Diana Gabaldon, Soil and Water Conservation, at 256-3320. (PR)

Free medical outreach

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Saipan will be hosting a free medical mission outreach program on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at the San Antonio basketball court, from 2pm to 6pm.

There will be free blood sugar and blood pressure check, and eye screening with free reading glass giveaways. There will also be a chair massage/reflex, facial cleansing, and free haircuts, plus free snacks refreshments, bag of giveaways (toiletries), new and used clothes, toy giveaways, and counseling/prayers for the sick.

For more information, call Pastor Claire Javillonar 789-7566. (PR)

Water service outage in parts of Gualo Rai

There will be a scheduled water service interruption for portions of Gualo Rai mainly for customers located along Gualo Rai Road on the west side of the Gualo Rai traffic light on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, from 8am to 5pm. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon after.

The purpose of the scheduled water interruption is to allow CUC’s contractor, AIC Marianas, Inc., to connect the new 8-inch distribution main to the existing 16-inch main as part of CUC’s Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement Project funded by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a result of the waterline replacement, a more reliable water system will be provided to the community.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. (PR)


Alternative contact no. for MLSC

The Marianas office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is having trouble with its telephone lines. If you call and cannot reach the MLSC at its regular numbers, try 235-6102. Thank you for your patience and understanding. (PR)



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., at the PM Building, Room 104, San Jose Village Tinian, at the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Office.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

a. Call to Order

b. Roll Call

c. Adoption of Agenda

d. Adoption of Minutes  
November 24, 2019,  
December 12, 2019  
& January 10, 2020

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Review Annual Report

B. Scholars Recognition

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

/S/Rodney S. Cabarles  
Chairman

\*We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.  
\*Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.  
\*Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

Albertha-Lynn L. Kanemoto-Hossain  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter Of ) FCD-AD-CIVIL  
The Adoption Of: ) ACTION NO.  
) 19-0531  
JAWARIA HAQUE )  
) **NOTICE OF  
HEARING**  
By: )  
)  
Albertha-Lynn L. )  
Kanemoto-Hossain )

Notice is hereby given that the above  
entitled matter is set for a hearing  
on 10th day of February, 2020 at  
9:00 AM in Courtroom MBP, before  
the Honorable Judge Teresa  
Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2020

/s/ By: Patrick V. Diaz,  
Deputy Clerk of Court



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**



**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB20-BECQ/DEQ-039**

**SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2020 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CLASS “F” PICK-UP TRUCK  
FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY,  
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ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON  
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**



**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: DPW20-ITB-008**

**SUBMISSION DATE: February 18, 2020 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“Proposed Demolition of Existing Social Hall  
Building at Chalan Kanoa District No. 3, Saipan**

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A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **February 5, 2020**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project site, Chalan Kanoa District No. 3, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **February 11, 2020** to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/ JAMES A. ADA  
SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON  
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



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Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its **special board meeting on January 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board’s Conference Room at Bldg. #1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**I.** Meeting Call to Order

**II.** Determination of Quorum

**III.** Review and Adoption of Agenda

**IV.** Review and Adoption of Minutes - None

**V.** Public Comments

**VI.** Chairman’s Report

1. Message from the Chairman
2. Meeting with the Attorney General

**VII.** Director’s Report

1. Financial Report 1st Quarter
2. Upgrading of the Computer Workstations
3. Roof Repair
4. Conference Call with CLARB
5. Off island NCARB Joint Orientation Meeting for MBA - February 12 – 14, 2020

**VIII.** Investigator’s Report

**IX.** Communications from the Governor’s Office & Legislature

- A. Governor’s Office
- B. Legislature

**X.** Old Business

**XI.** New Business

**XII.** Applications for Board’s Review

**XIII.** Miscellaneous Business

**XIV.** Election of Officers

**XV.** Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.

**XVI.** Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date
- B. Adjournment of Meeting

Alina Concepcion Pangelinan  
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**Pro Se,**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Regina Frances ) FCD-GU  
Terlaje Pangelinan ) CIVIL ACTION  
Minor Child ) NO. 20-0016  
)  
) **ORDER**  
) **SHORTENING**  
Alina Concepcion ) **TIME AND**  
Pangelinan ) **NOTICE OF**  
) **HEARING**  
Petitioner )

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, it is hereby  
ordered that the time for notice of  
hearing for Petitioner(s) petition be  
shortened and that the hearing be  
set on February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
in courtroom MBP.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

/s/ Judge  
TERESA KIM-TENORIO

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Deputy Clerk of Court



# Public warned of high surf and risk of rip currents

The public is being warned of strong winds and rough seas this week.

Fresh to strong northeast winds will continue across the region through Saturday. In addition, combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will persist as a result of the combination of an east and a long-period north swell.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6pm Monday.

Building trade-wind swell will cause surf to increase through the week. The high rip current risk remains in effect until next Monday night, Jan. 27.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, hazardous surf will be along north and east facing reefs this week. The high risk of rip currents will be along north and east facing reefs of the Marianas.

Northeast winds of 15 to 25 knots will gradually turn east while they continue through the weekend. Combined seas of 8 to 10 ft will continue through Monday.

Marine conditions are hazardous for the operation of small craft, which can be blown off course or be capsized. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions.

This also makes for dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

The public is being warned to avoid venturing out along the reef line, especially along north and east facing reefs. Large breaking waves can knock you down. If you become caught in a rip current, yell for help. Remain calm. Do not exhaust yourself. Stay afloat while waiting for help. If you have to swim out of a rip current, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current as you will tire quickly. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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## Teachers to learn how to teach basic drawing

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, in partnership with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, is hosting a workshop called "Kids Helping Kids" with special guest, Dr. Lori Philips of PREL on Jan. 30 from 9am to 3pm at the Kanoa Resort Saipan in Susupe.

The workshop teaches a series of strategies that assist teachers in teaching basic observational drawing and story writing to create early childhood readers. Its main goal is to create books that can be translated into local languages for use in island classrooms.

The objective is for teachers to learn how to offer students lessons in beginning drawing, learn how to teach the basics of watercolor painting to illustrate readers, and teachers will review different types of simple early readers.

The workshop is open to all K-12 private and public-school teachers. Interested teachers must register on or before Tuesday, Jan. 28, to reserve their seats. Registration is free and on a first come, first served basis. *(Justine Nauta)*

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### AWARD-WINNING MOBILE APP

The University of Guam received three MobileWebAwards from the Web Marketing Association for its TritonGo mobile application and its Triton Privileges program, which is a feature of TritonGo. The app was designed by UOG's marketing and communications and web teams. TritonGo received the "Best Education Mobile Application" award, and Triton Privileges received awards as the "Best Information Services Application" and "Best Other Mobile Application." From left, Thomas W. Krise, president; Kyle Santos, science communicator; Chase Guerrero, Computer Center assistant; John Wiglesworth, junior web developer; Jonas Macapinlac, director, Integrated Marketing Communications; Randall V. Wiegand, vice president, Administration and Finance; Bernadette Capindo, marketing communications coordinator; Matthew L. Raymundo, junior web developer; Jackie Hanson, communications specialist; and Anita Borja Enriquez, senior vice president, Academic and Student Affairs.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Job Vacancy Announcement



JVA No. 20-029

### Utility Coordinator (Maintenance Supervisor)

Opening Date: January 13, 2020  
Closing Date: February 3, 2020

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Division Manager or his/her designee. Supervises field staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, assisting with making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. As assigned, may assist with supervising daily activities and maintenance of assigned field operations; oversees the scheduling, production, maintenance and/or provision of utility services to include water and wastewater. As assigned, oversees utility service processes, procedures and techniques; monitors operations and material handling and addresses issues or potential hazards; ensures safety procedure compliance and enforces policies and procedures. Receives and responds to customer issues, complaints and/or emergency situations; troubleshoots and identifies issues, initiates responses, and implements resolutions. Prepares a variety of utility service operational status and budget reports; gathers and organizes data; prepares and provides informational and compliance reporting. Monitors and tracks assigned budget; reviews and inspects equipment and supply needs; orders and maintains adequate supply of required parts and materials. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION:** Engineering Division, SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY:** \$40,000.00 per annum to \$54,000.00 per annum, Exempt (Salary Commensurate with qualification and experience)  
**CONTRACT:** Two (2) Year Contract, subject to renewal  
**POSITION(S):** One (1)

**Minimum Requirements:** High School Diploma or GED or ABE, and college degree preferred with one year of directly related experience in a water and wastewater utility, CNMI drivers license or one from another U.S. jurisdiction. **Knowledge of:** Principles and procedures of water/wastewater systems; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Applicable codes, laws, rules and regulations; Inventory control principles; Mathematics, and an understanding of engineering techniques and design principles. Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Preparing daily schedules; Assisting in preparing budgets; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Implementing and following project management principles and practices; Performing journey level maintenance and installations; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convert information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test that will be applied equally to U.S. workers and CW-1 workers.

You may submit your CUC Employment Application and resume at the Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota can drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration office. Application and resume can also be e-mailed to: [employmentapplications@cucgov.org](mailto:employmentapplications@cucgov.org)

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The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### PROGRAM SPECIALIST

On the island of SAIPAN  
Announcement # JVA20-006

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Chief Justice and under the direct supervision of the Director of Courts under the rules promulgated by the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court. The candidate is responsible for assisting with administrative functions related to local and federally-funded court programs. The candidate is expected to perform the following duties and responsibilities, but are not limited to the following:

- Research sources of program grants or funds at the local, regional, and national level;
- Assist with the development of specific programs and scope of work, including proposed budget and anticipated strategies and outcomes;
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- Assist with the draft, review and completion of physical, digital and web-based funding registration, applications, forms, and reports;
- Review, track, and report on internal and external factors related to funding registration, solicitations, application or awards;
- Assist with the drafts of monthly, quarterly, close-out or other standard program progress reports;
- Assist with records handling and funds tracking for designated programs;
- Maintain and improve upon existing paper and digital filing systems related to general correspondence, funding applications, awards, funds status, quarterly and other performance reports;
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- Create forms and fill-type documents for internal compliance controls and assist with training of proper use of documents;
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- Coordinate compliance controls and program monitoring with the Director of Courts or his/her designee to ensure proper fiscal administration of funds and activities;
- Implement audit prerequisites and assist with procedures for funds, performance, or inventory audits;
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- Maintain and submit performance tracking reports to the Director of Courts or his/her designee; and
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** The Program Specialist must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) Have a bachelor's degree from a nationally accredited college or university in public or business administration, economics, finance, business management or accounting or related field and at least two years of experience in research and writing, responding to and/or evaluating grant proposals and applications, contracts and reports, or related areas; OR (2) six years experience in research and writing, general administrative and financial management, or related field.

The person must be skilled with the use of computers, internet, general office equipment, and other electronic devices standard to the justice system.

Software proficiency is required, especially with Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The person must have a valid CNMI driver's license and be able to operate a government vehicle.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be \$28,000 - \$30,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application form at the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 212 on the second floor or Window #3 at the front of the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Kotten Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

Human Resources  
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P.O. Box 502165  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel. (670) 234-4252  
Cell. (670) 783-8592  
Fax. (670) 236-9702  
[hr.judiciary@nmijudiciary.com](mailto:hr.judiciary@nmijudiciary.com)

This job announcement will remain open until filled and can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>.

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## MTEC Tourism Summit draws more supporters

D&Q International and Saipan Ice & Water Co. have joined the growing list of sponsors for the Marianas Tourism Education Council Tourism Summit on Jan. 23, 2020.

Executives of D&Q International presented a \$1,000 check to the MTEC board on Jan. 15, 2020, and Saipan Ice & Water Co. donated \$1,000 worth of water.

"Each year, the support from D&Q and Saipan Ice & Water continues to grow and we are so grateful for their contribution to the annual Tourism Summit," said MTEC chair

Vicky Benavente.

Other summit sponsors are E-Land Group (Kensington and PIC Saipan), T Galleria by DFS, TSL Foundation, Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Bridge Capital LLC, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, IT&E, Matson Navigation Co., Triple J Saipan, Saipan Ice & Water, and Sorenson Media Group.

The theme of this year's summit, co-organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority, is "VolunTOURISM: Learn today. Lead tomorrow." reflecting the opportunities

available to students to engage with the industry and learn today in preparation for the leadership roles they will take in the industry in the future. This year's summit will be held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, with students from MY WAVE—Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically—Clubs in grades 5-12 chosen by their respective schools to participate.

Participating schools will be Kagman, Saipan Southern, and Marianas high schools; Chacha, Dandan, Hopwood, and Tanapag middle schools;

Kagman, San Vicente, Kolblerville, Francisco M. Sablan, W.S. Reyes, Oleai, and Garapan elementary schools; and Da'ok Academy.

The annual summit will feature Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance executive director Roberta Guerrero, CNMI Public School System middle school teacher Victor Cabrera, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce financial and data management coordinator Franco M. Santos.

The summit will also feature

exhibits by the MVA, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Carolinian Affairs Office, Northern Marianas Humanities Council, Office of Indigenous Affairs, Northern Marianas College, MINA, Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture, Northern Marianas Technical Institute, 500 Sails,

SeaTouch, Sea Turtle Program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Paseo de Marianas Productions.

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## MTEC, MVA talk tourism with Dandan Middle School

The Marianas Tourism Education Council visited its first middle school this year with a presentation to students at Dandan Middle School on Jan. 9, 2020.

MTEC board member Catherine Perry gave an overview of the Marianas tourism industry and shared examples of how students can get involved in tourism and stay informed to make them better industry leaders in the future. Marianas Visitors Authority community projects specialist Jack Aranda shared about the role of the state tourism office, with emphasis on marketing and promotions conducted in the Marianas major source markets, as well as annual signature events organized by the MVA.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to again partner with MTEC this school year to share information and new perspectives with students on our tourism industry," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "Thanks to our close working relationship, we have been able to reach thousands of students since we started the presentations several years ago, and we

truly believe we are helping to raise a more informed and involved generation of young people when it comes to tourism."

Following the presentations, students were quizzed and received branded giveaways.

MTEC's Education Outreach program targets the 5th, 8th, and 10th graders each year on Saipan, Tinian and Rota in partnership with the MVA. The presentations are also sponsored by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Ernst & Young, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and T Galleria.

MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority will host the MY WAVE Club Tourism Summit on Jan. 23, 2020, for an estimated 300-400 school MY WAVE Club students at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

For more information about the Tourism Summit, contact Martin Duenas or Jack Aranda at the MVA at 664-3200/3201, or email [mduenas@mymarianas.com](mailto:mduenas@mymarianas.com) or [jaranda@mymarianas.com](mailto:jaranda@mymarianas.com). (MTEC)



D&Q International resident manager Max Kretzers, third from right, present a \$1,000 check on Jan. 15, 2020, for the Marianas Tourism Education Council's Tourism Summit on Jan. 23, 2020. From left, D&Q sales manager Marilyn Marron, MTEC treasurer Robert Ryan Yulo, MTEC board member Glenn Policare, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, Kretzers, MTEC secretary Martin Duenas, and MTEC board member Catherine Perry.



Saipan Ice & Water Co. production manager Lisa Panuringan and chief financial officer Arman Amog, third and fourth from left, donate 20 cases of water on Jan. 15, 2020, for the Marianas Tourism Education Council Tourism Summit on Jan. 23, 2020. From left, MTEC board member Catherine Perry, MTEC treasurer Robert Ryan Yulo, Panuringan, Amog, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, secretary Martin Duenas, and MTEC board member Glenn Policare.

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## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

January 23, 2001

### Man gambles life to save tourists

Twenty-six-year old Galileo "Kaily" Torwal would have joined the U.S. Navy in July of this year to pursue his dream. But the young man who was described by his peers as friendly, smart and funny will no longer be able to fulfill his ambition. Kaily died while saving the life of visiting Japanese couple Kohei Mase, 51 and his wife Takako, 50, on Jan. 21. Fellow employees at BSEA, Inc. where Kaily works as a boat attendant are still at a loss on how to accept the tragedy that struck the man who was loved by everyone. It was just

one of those parasailing trips with Japanese tourists which Kaily joined for his company at around 2pm.

### DEQ sets rules on used oil disposal

The Division of Environmental Quality will establish its own used oil regulation to be implemented within the year as part of its efforts to ensure strict compliance with environmental laws. DEQ environmental planner Ray Masga yesterday said they will revive the educational campaign which they started two years ago to reach out to different hotels, garment manufacturers and construction firms since most of these businesses are using genera-

tors in their operation. Mr. Masga assured the community that DEQ would hold public hearings first before the agency implements the regulation. DEQ and PR Trading coordinated in collecting the illegally dumped used oil barrels on the island in June 2000 in six sites which include Marpi, Tanapag, Lower Navy Hill, Capitol Hill, Kagman and Fina Sisu.

January 23, 2005

### Vehicular mishap results in fatalities

At least two persons were reportedly rushed to the hospital early Saturday morning following a vehicular mishap at the Chalan Monsignor Guerrero on Saipan, which stalled normal traffic flow for more than four hours. There were reports that the accident, which involved a gray pickup truck and a sedan, resulted in the death of two persons.

Rumors circulating around the island said the fatality includes a teenager. The Department of Public Safety, however, has yet to confirm the reports. DPS spokesperson Eric David could not be reached for details as of press time. The incident happened around 2am Saturday. The front portion of the pickup truck was totally wrecked, indicating the strong impact of the collision. Motorists could see crushed portions of the truck scattered on the road.

### More people applied for tax exemptions in '04

Amid the delayed issuance of rebates, more people applied for tax exemptions in 2004, resulting in less government revenues for the fiscal year. Finance Secretary Fermin Atalig said that personal and corporate income tax collection in FY 2004 only totaled \$7.5 million, more than a 100

percent reduction from the FY 2003 collection of \$16.5 million. "That explains why our revenues went down by \$1 million in FY 2004," said Atalig. Department of Finance data showed that general appropriation in FY 2003 totaled \$214.2 million while in FY 2004, it totaled \$213.8 million.

January 23, 2006

### Four taxi drivers arrested

Police arrested on Friday four taxi drivers who allegedly beat up two fellow taxi drivers at the taxi staging area of the Saipan World Resort Hotel in Susupe. Sakline Golam, Rahaman Ziaur, Durbar Mallik, and Alam MD Manjurull were brought to the Superior Court yesterday for a bail hearing. Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja imposed a \$5,000-cash bail each for the defendants. The preliminary hearing was

set for Jan. 30. According to court papers filed by police, the beating happened on Nov. 18, 2005 at 8pm.

### Parents arrested in child's death

Police arrested on Sunday night the parents of a 3-year-old girl who died Friday after being declared clinically brain dead at the Commonwealth Health Center. John Irving Mateo Calcena, 25, and Tracy Joy Inaba, 24, were brought to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon on charges of child abuse or neglect. Associate Judge David Wiseman granted the government's recommendation to impose a \$5,000 cash bail for each defendant on charges of child abuse or neglect. Investigators decided to arrest the couple after Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola's autopsy concluded that there was foul play behind the death of 3-year-old Tennessee.



# SSA launches new campaign to fight scammers

The Social Security Administration has launched a new public service announcement campaign to continue warning people about the ongoing nationwide telephone impersonation scheme and features a message from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul.

Social Security and its Office of the Inspector General continue to receive reports about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. The scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest

for bogus Social Security number problems.

"I want every American to know that if a suspicious caller states there is a problem with their Social Security number or account, they should hang up and never give the caller money or personal information. People should then go online to [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov) to report the scam call to Social Security," said Saul.

People should also be on the lookout for a new version of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands. Victims have received emails

with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official letterhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate; they may also contain misspellings and grammar mistakes.

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at [www.youtube.com/socialsecurity](http://www.youtube.com/socialsecurity).

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people—generally those who



Saul

have ongoing business with the agency—by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments

and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not:

Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.

Contact you to demand an immediate payment.

Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a pre-paid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.

Demand that you pay a So-

cial Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.

Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it. (PR)

## US Marines test self-sufficiency in Tinian training

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31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

**CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa**—U.S. Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Combat Logistics Battalion 31 returned to Okinawa after conducting a combat logistics training exercise on Tinian in the CNMI last Dec. 9-13, 2019. The training validated CLB-31's tactics, techniques and procedures when operating in a contested littoral environment, separated from the 31st MEU main body as it conducted MEUEX on Okinawa.

For the exercise, CLB-31 sent Combat Logistics Platoon 311 consisting of four High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (or Humvees) with satellite and high frequency communications, fuel storage and water production capabilities. The training consisted of dispersed command and control, tactical logistics and self-sufficiency training primarily at the Exclusive Military Use Area in the vicinity of Tinian's North Field. Dispersed command and control demonstrated the ability of CLB-31 Marines to operate in a degraded environment, while constantly moving to avoid being targeted by simulated adversaries. In order to achieve the mobility needed to deter enemy targeting, CLP-311 operated on foot and out of the independent Humvees while transmitting radio communications and quickly maneuvering to avoid detection.

"Combat Logistics Battalion 31 is executing a deliberately designed experimentation program focused on supporting service-level 21st Century combat logistics support modernization focused on the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of operations," said Lt Col Christopher Johnson, commanding officer of CLB-

31. "We are learning to dynamically task organize our logistics command element in support of distributed forces, develop survivable command and control to support logistics command requirements, and employ proven Marine Corps field craft as the basis for our tactics. Doing so furthers the 31st MEU's ability to operate independently, in any environment."

To further validate logistical readiness in crisis, Marines and sailors conducted self-sufficiency training to include food and water aerial supply drops, mobile atmospheric water generation for purified drinking water and local civilian interaction. CLP-311 conducted what is known as '21st century foraging', with small unit leaders relying on local businesses to supply diesel fuel and sustainment for the force to avoid creating a large operational footprint in a simulated contested environment. Validating these training events solidified CLB-31's template for expeditionary operations and reinforced the 31st MEU mission to perform operations as a flexible force capable of conducting split operations.

At the conclusion of the training, CLB-31 hosted a volunteer driven Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation event where locals submit basic identification requirements for processing in the event of possible humanitarian disasters. Shortly after, the locals of Tinian were invited to a community volleyball and barbecue event held around the mayor's office. Here, Marines and sailors were able to bond with the people that have continued to host the 31st MEU and its training requirements regularly.

"Twenty-first century foraging is a future operations requirement, and one we are constantly improving on,"

said Johnson. "Incorporating organic field disbursing and supply capabilities into our concept of support will make us more expeditionary, flexible, and responsive. Ultimately, this improves our ability

to sustain the 31st MEU and higher commands in a contested environment by creating a more diverse and resilient supply chain."

The last time that the same units were on Tinian was in

October and November 2018, when elements of CLB-31 and the 31st MEU, aboard ships of the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group, deployed in Defense Support of Civil Authorities after Super Typhoon Yutu swept through the Northern Mariana Islands.

The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible and lethal force ready to perform a wide range of military operations as the premier crisis response force in the Indo-Pacific region.



### TSLF DONATES TO MTEC TOURISM SUMMIT

**MTEC**  
The Tan Siu Lin Foundation has donated \$2,500 to the Marianas Tourism Education Council Tourism Summit that is set for Jan. 23, 2020. Photo shows Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, fourth from right, turning over the check on Jan. 15, 2020, at their office in Garapan. From left, Tan Siu Lin Foundation assistant manager Raymond Zapanta, Marianas Visitors Authority community development specialist Jack Aranda, Tan Siu Lin Foundation administrative officer Mel Naputi, MTEC board members Catherine Perry, Glenn Policare, and Martin Duenas; Tolentino; MTEC treasurer Robert Ryan Yulo, TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, and TanHoldings vice president Alex Sablan.

### COMPLETION CEREMONIES

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Participants of the CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program at the Dandan Head Start Center have their completion ceremony for fall 2019. Dandan Head Start Center was a combination of nine participating families from other participating Head Start Centers around the island. The parents who completed the class were Keolani Ngracheliong, Francisco Macaranas, Yumi Rabauliman, Betty Koche, Josen Osias, and Joie Osias.



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Participants of the CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program at the William S. Reyes Elementary School have their completion ceremony for fall 2019. WSRS had a total of six families complete the Motherhead/Fatheread CNMI class. The parents of their class were Glennis Y. Gamboa-Licop, Evelyn Baetiong, Gemabelle Aringo, Man Liu, Yuling "Elaine" Zhou, and Jung Hye Suk.



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### EDITORIAL

## So you blew your New Year's resolutions. Here are five ways to still make your life and your community better in 2020

According to new research conducted by the fitness company Strava, 80% of people who make New Year's resolutions will have abandoned them by mid-February.

We get it. Beach body dreams that seem possible during the magical holiday season can seem unrealistic when January reality sets in. Count us among those who have already chosen sleep over exercise this year. So if you're one of millions of Americans who find themselves right-sizing those resolutions this week, we'd like to offer five simple, attainable alternatives for making yourself and your city better in 2020.

Resolve to know your neighbors. Being a good neighbor is a powerful prevention for so many of the problems that plague us: loneliness, fear, suspicion, crime. Isolation and loneliness are real and potent threats to a healthy society. In 2017, Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called loneliness an "epidemic." Separated by our safety features, our gated communities, our rear-entry garages and our flickering screens, we are less likely than ever to know the people who live nearest to us. Resolve to buck that trend in 2020, for your own sake, for their sake and for the health of our city.

Resolve to make your voice heard. This is an election year. Go vote. The last day to register for March 3 primaries is Feb. 3. Early voting starts Feb. 18. Resolve to look for other ways to participate in civic affairs too. Attend a public hearing. Write a letter to the editor.

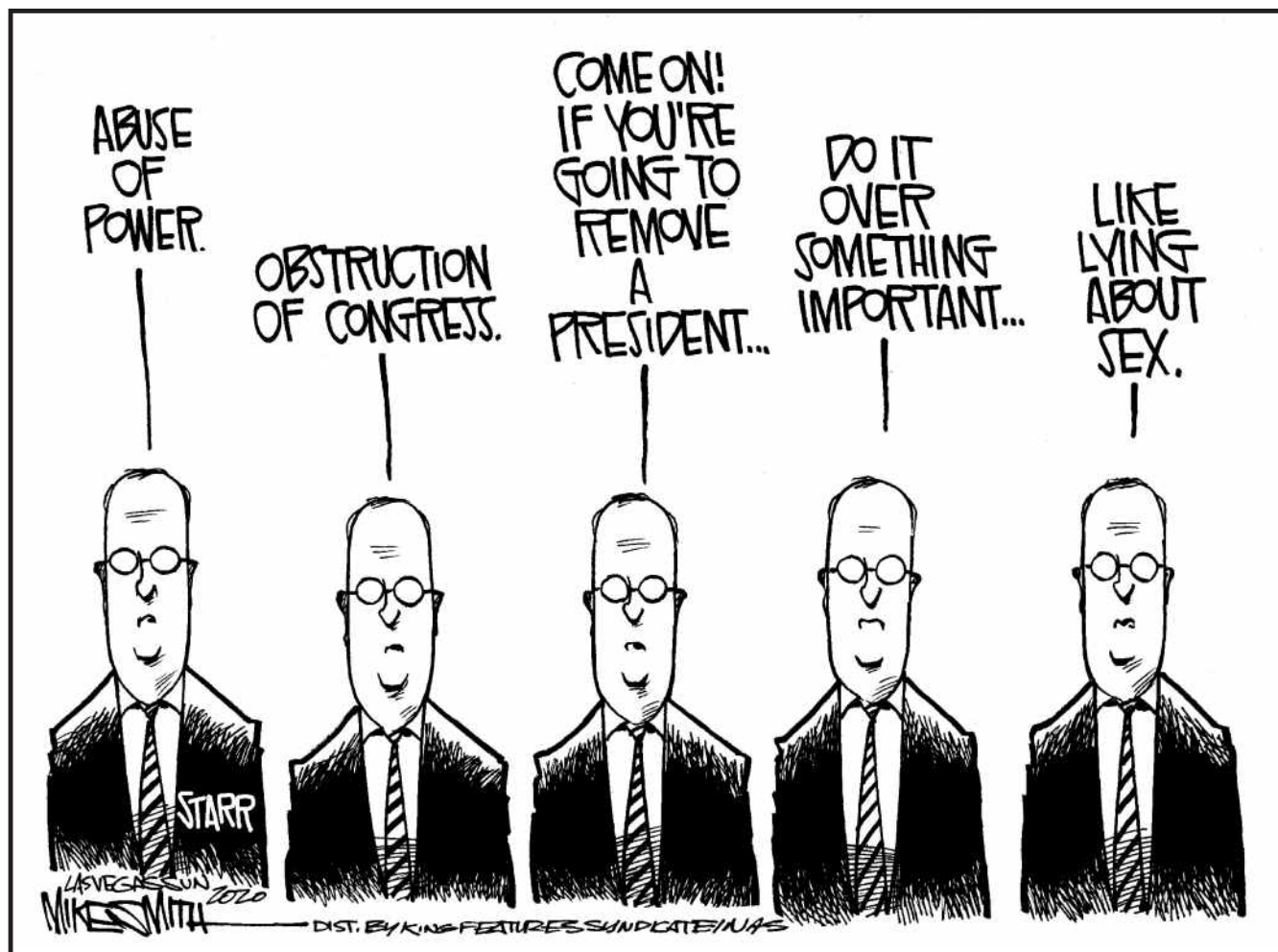
Resolve to help someone else. Support a charity. Join a PTO. Serve those in need. According to research by the Mayo Clinic, volunteering contributes to a healthier lifestyle, including lower risk of depression, lower stress and even a longer life.

Resolve to enjoy beauty. Visit a park, or take in art and cultural opportunities such as an orchestra, museum, ballet or musical. In sociological studies, participation in cultural activities has shown significant correlation to life satisfaction and longevity.

Resolve to stay informed. Thomas Jefferson wrote that, "Wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government." In an age of fake news and filtered content, one of the most important things we can do is to inform ourselves. This newspaper is a good resource, but we don't pretend to be the only news source available. Read widely. Be open to opposing viewpoints. Seek out professional journalists. Be a savvy news consumer.

There are 49 weeks left in 2020. Plenty of time to try out some new resolutions to make yourself and your community better than before.

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## Fewer Americans have a primary care doctor

"It's going to be like breaking up with everyone you know."

That's what a colleague predicted three years ago when I took a new job in Chicago and would leave hundreds of my primary care patients in Boston.

She was right. Six months of serial breakups.

I had spent a good part of the prior 15 years developing deep relationships with my patients, learning about their medical problems and, more important, their lives and their hopes. Knowing my patients helped me deliver better medical care and better primary care.

But what is primary care? We often use a definition that includes the "4 C's." Primary care is first contact and comprehensive, the place you call first with most of your medical questions and problems. Primary care is coordinated. It is the hub. Your primary care doctor is the quarterback for all of the other care you receive. Finally, primary care is continuous, where you get care over time.

Primary care is good for you. My colleagues and I previously found that Americans with primary care received more high-quality care—recommended cancer screenings, better diabetes care, counseling and more—and had a better experience of care. Others have found that U.S. counties with more primary care doctors have lower mortality. Primary care is associated with fewer emergency department visits, hospitalizations and lower costs. Reliably delivering routine primary care to all Americans would almost certainly improve the nation's health more than any number of "medical breakthroughs" we often read about.

Now, despite all the benefits of primary care, our new study in JAMA Internal Medicine raises an alarm that primary care in the United States could be slowly dying out.

We found the rates of American adults with a primary care doctor steadily declined between 2002 and 2015. In 2015, a quarter of Americans did not have a primary care physician. Vulnerable groups—blacks, Latinos, the uninsured, the poor and those with less than a high school diploma—were more likely to lack primary care. Americans in the South were less likely than Americans in other regions to have primary care.

Across ages, 20-somethings were the least likely to have primary care, with 44% lacking a primary care doctor. While it is true that younger Americans are less likely to need medical care, I am concerned we are setting up the next generation to miss out on recommended, preventive care.

Why the decrease in primary care? Generational difference may play a role. Younger Americans may be more accustomed to internet-enabled, episodic access. The "convenience revolution" has resulted in an explosion of alternative sites of care. Urgent care,

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retail clinics and online medical companies provide easy options, but these lack the coordination or continuity of primary care. It is easy to make repeated visits, but who is keeping track of you, especially if you have a problem not solved in a visit or two?

Primary care deserves some of the blame. Many primary care practices are not optimized to be accessible or responsive. Primary care is set up, like most health care, because of the way we are paid, for seeing you in person or doing things to you. We largely are not paid for answering phone calls, responding to electronic messages or coordinating care. The sad fact is health systems still make more money by treating sick people than by coordinating care or keeping people healthy.

Beyond the way we pay for primary care, the amount we spend on primary care is part of the problem. In the United States, we spend 5% to 7% of our health care dollars on primary care, compared with 14% in similar countries. Medicare only spends 2% to 4% on primary care. If we only spend 5% of U.S. health care dollars on primary care, is the other 95% paying for our failure to spend on primary care?

The supply of primary care physicians could be part of the decrease we found. Demand for primary care should be increasing because of the aging of the population, changes in insurance and other factors, but fewer trainees are going into primary care and doctors are leaving primary care.

My Boston "breakups" were difficult at times, but always amicable.

Starting a new primary care practice in Chicago was hard. I had forgotten how challenging primary care must seem to our medical students and residents when every patient is a new patient. It has taken me three years to start feeling as if I am getting to know a large number of my patients well.

Of course, I hope these deepening relationships will allow me to help my primary care patients stay as healthy as possible. But with fewer of us having primary care—especially the vulnerable and young—I worry we are letting primary care die out and jeopardizing the health of our fellow Americans.



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## How to dislodge Trump

It could almost have been “Saturday Night Live,” satire intended for giggles instead of what was hypocritically intended. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi gave a speech about impeaching President Trump and cited a Longfellow poem, saying, “Listen my children and you will hear/ Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere.”

Revere, we know, was aiming to alert 18th century Americans that the British were coming, and Pelosi, minus a horse, was warning that Trump delayed military aid to Ukraine to get Joe Biden. She said this was an assault on the Constitution, that it undermined the republic for which our nation stands and that more horrors could be coming if he stuck around.

Of course, it is the congressional Democrats who have been assaulting the Constitution and undermining the republic, and it was maybe an inner awareness of the fact that sparked this speech laughably intended to signal our founders had returned to revivify our democracy. Pelosi then got a crew of partisan pretenders to pretentiously, elegantly and self-righteously march through the Capitol to deliver the articles of impeachment to the Senate. It was something like letter delivery by tuxedo-clad postmen.

The fact is that, from the day Trump was elected, we’ve had efforts to overturn a legitimate election through illegitimate means. First we had an ocean of illegal, misleading leaks and

then unverified political dirt along with varied other tall tales used to justify a Russia-collusion investigation that lasted two years, cost millions, disrupted governance and found nothing. But no one was giving up and we then got this House investigation started by a whistleblower who relied on hearsay instead of firsthand information that still did not fit what the Constitution demands for impeachment. Republicans were not allowed to call witnesses in proceedings that came up with no evidence of something that wasn’t a crime anyway.

It was all done in a hurry because the cause was urgent until it wasn’t. For four weeks Pelosi delayed giving the Senate the articles for a trial on the basis of getting the Senate to do what the House wanted even if it had no duty to do any such thing. There is the chance of more evidence coming forth, but it would still be evidence of something that was not impeachable. There has also been this thing about an agency saying the delay broke a law that President Obama broke without a memorable mention in the press. Now we are going to have Senate proceedings that should be as legally correct as possible even though the Senate will still be accused of unconstitutional chicanery if it finds Trump innocent because he is.

Even though I spend a lot of time defending Trump, I do think he was almost as unfit to be president as Hillary Clin-

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ton. Most if not all of his policies have been hugely preferable to what she would likely have done and his dishonesty is no worse than hers even if he is in many ways rather disgusting along with his energy and humor.

But outrage at what he is does not make it OK to destroy our system of government, never consider the other side of things, to magnify truly despicable faults into something 10 times worse than what they are and assume any means is justified by his end. I know there are those worried that he will overreach in some disastrous way or, for instance, that he will not address climate change they see as an existential threat. There is a democratic answer, however, and that’s to find an opposing presidential candidate who isn’t scarier.

## Volcano traps animals exploited by Taal’s tourist industry

**By JASON BAKER**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PETA Asia’s emergency line has been ringing nonstop. After the Taal volcano in the Philippines spewed hundreds of tons of suffocating ash and sent lava streaming down its sides, PETA Asia was the first charity on the scene, and staffers are working to help as many animals as possible in the evacuation zone, providing food, water and veterinary care to dogs and cats who’ve been abandoned or taken to evacuation centers. We’ve done food drops, and one of our staffers had a four-hour meeting with the government trying to coordinate a rescue plan.

Taal is a tourist destination, and travelers flock to the picturesque area and rent horses to ride to the summit of the volcano. Now that the volcano is active, everyone living in the area has been ordered to evacuate, and countless animals have been left behind, including the horses.

These at-risk animals are precisely why we ask tourists never to ride an animal when vacationing. Long after a traveler is back home with memories and anecdotes, the horses, donkeys, camels and other animals forced to give rides to tourists around the world are still in harm’s way.

Taal authorities believe that all the animals who were in the

area immediately surrounding the volcano have likely died. It’s an especially painful possibility for PETA Asia staffers, who have been working for years to improve conditions for the island’s animals, especially the horses forced to haul tourists to the summit.

Long before the volcano erupted, a team of PETA Asia staffers, veterinarians, assistants, veterinary students and volunteers as well as a farrier had been conducting clinics to provide care. Clinic staff treated horses with severe injuries, including one who couldn’t walk because of a huge laceration on her leg. Most horses needed fundamental care such as vaccinations (for rabies and tetanus, which is very common on the island), deworming, parasite control and wound care, among many other issues. They were also treated for saddle sores and thrush, and most needed to have their hooves trimmed and teeth filed.

Abuse and neglect go hand-in-hand when animals are treated as beasts of burden. A recent PETA Asia investigation in Jordan’s “Lost City” of Petra, for example, documented the entrenched suffering of more than 1,300 horses, donkeys, mules and camels who are forced to carry tourists or pull carriages every day. Handlers routinely whip and beat the animals during grueling treks through the ancient city in the sweltering heat, and there’s no water or shade for them, either.

Conditions are similar in the Havasupai region of the Grand Canyon. Horses, donkeys and mules used to transport tourists or their gear to Havasu Falls are routinely starved, beaten, overloaded, whipped, kicked and forced to work while injured. Horses often collapse. And in Egypt, PETA Asia documented the plight of horses and camels, even those with painful, bloody wounds, who struggle in the sweltering heat to carry tourists in Giza and Luxor.

The situation in Taal is immediate and dire and in constant flux, but we’ve saved some of the animals, including a stray dog named Palakatik, who recognized us when our boat pulled up and came running! There were a lot of happy tears amidst the grief.

But while options are limited while a volcano is active, every single tourist can make a difference by refusing to force any animal to provide a ride, wherever rides are offered, including horse-drawn carriages in Nassau and New York City, elephant rides in Thailand’s scam “rescue” camps or Santorini’s donkey and mule caravans. When you take that ride, animals suffer and die.

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## Neither neocon nor isolationist

Donald Trump isn’t George W. Bush.

That should be obvious to everyone by now, but his critics and even some of his supporters immediately acted as if it were 2003 on the cusp of the Iraq War when Trump took out Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani.

Suddenly, the neocons had cachet again (Vox warned that “the Iraq War hawks are back”), and we were about to launch yet another endless war. Trump’s decision to kill Soleimani, New York Times columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote, repeating a common refrain, “has brought the United States to the brink of a devastating new conflict in the Middle East.”

There’s no doubt that the operation against Soleimani carried risks, but it didn’t transform Trump into a conventional interventionist. In fact, taking out Soleimani was wholly consistent with the president’s approach to the world that can’t be plotted on a simple hawk/dove or neocon/isolationist axis. As a Jacksonian, Trump is none of the above, combining a willingness to whack our enemies with a distaste for ambitious foreign interventions.

The Jacksonian label is the famous construction of foreign-policy analyst Walter Russell Mead, who traces the tradition back to Andrew Jackson and the cultural influence of the American backwoods. Jacksonians are content to let the world sort it-

self out, except if they perceive a threat, in which case they react with great ferocity.

Trump’s victory overturned the reigning Republican foreign-policy consensus, but it didn’t herald a lurch to isolationism pure and simple.

Even when Trump sounded most hostile to U.S. commitments and alliances abroad in 2016, he promised, in one of his most Jacksonian sentiments, to “bomb the s---” out of ISIS. No matter how much Trump disdained being in the Middle East, it wouldn’t be possible to follow through on this threat without military assets, an intelligence network and allies on the ground. Once elected, Trump did, sure enough, bomb the s--- out of ISIS.

Killing Soleimani is keeping with this general orientation rather than a departure from it. In fact, the whole thing is shot through with Jacksonian attitudes.

Trump’s red line to Iran didn’t have to do with our values or shipping lanes. It reflected the most basic imperative of a nation protecting its own: Don’t harm Americans.

When a rocket attack by an Iranian-supported militia killed an American contractor and injured other Americans at a base in Iraq, Trump’s response was also characteristically Jacksonian: a stunning, bolt-out-of-the-blue droning of an enemy commander who was thought to be safely out of bounds, designed to create

the maximum deterrent bang for the buck.

For his most loyal backers, the killing of Soleimani is likelier to add to the legend of Donald Trump instead of give them pause. In their view, here is President Trump once again doing what no other president would do, taking an inordinate amount of criticism for it, often from a perpetually hysterical press corps, and having it work out (so far).

The Jacksonian impulse alone is not enough to solve the complex foreign-policy problem presented by Iran. But it can be useful in a contest of intimidation and escalation. The killing of Soleimani isn’t a deep-state or neocon project, rather an unmistakable expression of Trump’s distinctive worldview.

**By RICH LOWRY**






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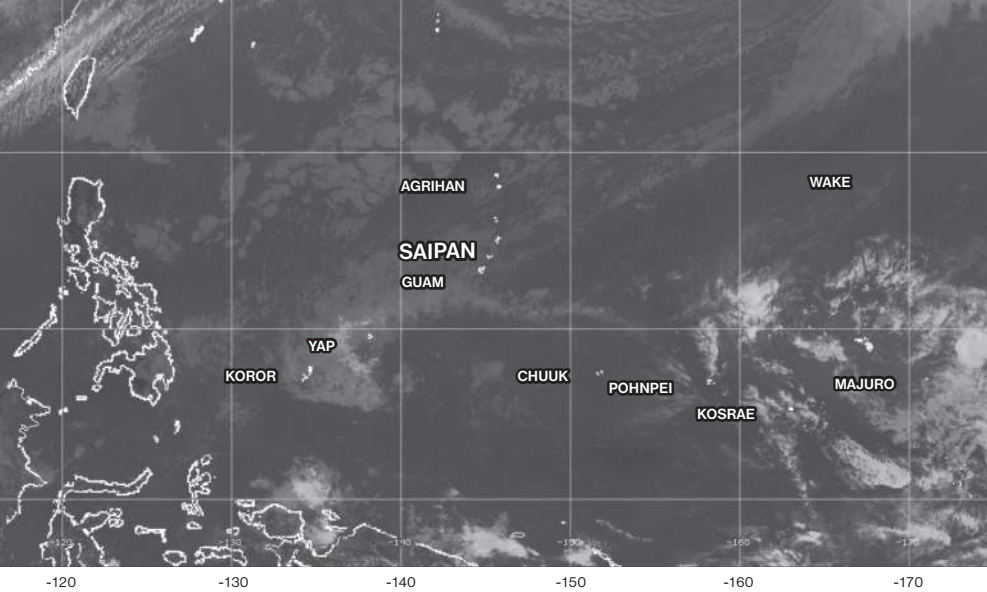


*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
									
Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Breezy Sunday.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
87°	76°	86°	76°	88°	76°	87°	75°	87°	75°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 10:28 AM, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam weather radar shows scattered light showers over Guam and Rota this morning, as well as over the surrounding waters. Weather is likely similar at Tinian and Saipan, however the radar beam ends up overshooting the cloud tops. Satellite shows similar clouds, although the observations show there has been little rain in the past 4 hours. The VAD wind profile indicates northeast winds of 28 to 35 knots through the lowest 6 thousand feet of the air, which then turn east and diminish a bit through 12 thousand feet. The buoys reveal combined seas of 8 to 10 feet with occasional spikes to 12 feet, and maximum waves of up to 20 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Showers	83° / 76°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	75° / 63°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	39° / 19°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	75° / 66°	
Honolulu	Sunny	81° / 68°	
London	Cloudy	46° / 37°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	75° / 54°	
Manila	Mostly Sunny	88° / 75°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	73° / 55°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	75° / 67°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	46° / 30°	
Osaka	Showers	57° / 41°	
Paris	Partly	45° / 30°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	55° / 46°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	61° / 39°	
Salem	Cloudy	55° / 43°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	56° / 47°	
Seoul	Rain	45° / 27°	
Tokyo	Showers	59° / 41°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	47° / 30°	



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12:45 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.52	
8:00 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.64	
1:14 PM	LOW TIDE	1.05	
5:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.69	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:47 AM	6:10 PM
Friday	6:47 AM	6:10 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:11 PM
Sunday	6:47 AM	6:11 PM
Monday	6:46 AM	6:12 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:11 AM	4:41 PM	-
Friday	6:04 AM	5:35 PM	-
Saturday	6:54 AM	6:29 PM	-
Sunday	7:41 AM	7:21 PM	-
Monday	8:23 AM	8:11 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 18, 2020																		
DEPARTURES								ARRIVALS										
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)								GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN										
UA117		9:15am	9:55am	Daily				UA174		7:30am	8:11am	Daily						
UA156		6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6				UA112		4:45pm	5:26pm	2, 4, 6						
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)								NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN										
SKY816		4:35pm	7:30pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7				SKY811		10:15am	3:00pm	Daily						
SKY816		5:05pm	8:00pm	6														
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)								BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN										
7C3451		3:20am	6:30am	Daily				7C3452		9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7						
								7C3452		10:05pm	2:30am+1	3						
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)								SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN										
TW308		2:05am	6:05am	Daily				OZ623		6:45am	12:10pm	5						
OZ626		2:10am	6:05am	1				OZ623		7:00am	12:20pm	7						
OZ626		2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7				OZ6233		7:30am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6						
OZ626		3:35am	7:20am	4				OZ623		8:10am	1:40pm	1, 3						
7C3403		4:35am	8:35am	Daily				7C3402		10:10am	3:30pm	Daily						
OZ6243		3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6				TW309		11:10am	4:25pm	Daily						
OZ624		3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7				OZ625		7:30pm	1:00am+1	7						
7C3401		4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily				TW307		7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily						
TW310		5:25pm	10:15pm	Daily				OZ625		8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6						
								OZ625		9:05pm	2:25am+1	3						
								7C3404		10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily						
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)								SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN										
3U8648		6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7				3U8647		10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7						
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)								HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN										
JD396		7:30am	12:05pm	1				JD395		8:05am	3:30pm	4						
JD396		4:50pm	7:55pm	4				JD395		8:50pm	5:00am+1	7						
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)								GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN										
3U8646		4:30am	7:50am	2, 6				3U864		8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5						
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)								BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN										
MU764		1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7				MU763		4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6						
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)								MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN										
OZ626/701		2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN				UA189/174		12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM						
OZ626/701		2:50am	10:35am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				OZ702/625		12:05pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN						
UA117/183		9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM				OZ702/625		12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via ICN						
UA117/193		9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				OZ702/625		12:05pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN						
UA156/183		6:20pm	9:50pm	Daily via GUM				UA192/174		10:40pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR						
UA156/193		6:20pm	11:50pm	2 via GUM-ROR				UA184/174		10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM						
								OZ704/623		11:45pm	12:10pm+1	5 via ICN						
								OZ704/623		11:45pm	12:20pm+1	7 via ICN						
								OZ704/6233		11:45pm	12:50pm+1	2, 4, 6 via ICN						
								OZ704/623		11:45pm	1:40pm+1	1, 3 via ICN						
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)								HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN										
OZ626/721		2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN				OZ746/623		12:35am	12:10pm	5 via ICN						
OZ626/721		2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				OZ746/623		12:35am	12:20pm	7 via ICN						
OZ626/721		3:35am	11:50am	4 via ICN				OZ746/6233		12:35am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN						
UO43		5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7				OZ746/623		12:35am	1:40pm	1, 3 via ICN						
OZ6243/9661		3:20pm	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN				OZ722/625		1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN						
OZ624/9661		3:50pm	11:15pm	1, 3, 5 via ICN				OZ722/625		1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN						
OZ624/9661		3:50pm	12:15am+1	7 via ICN				OZ722/625		1:15pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN						
								UO42		6:50pm	1:45am+1	7						
								UO42		9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6						
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)																		
STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.																		
SAIPAN TO ROTA								1203								9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				1204								10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301		7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily				1205								11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302		11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily				1206								12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303		4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily				1207								1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN								1208								2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				1209								3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101		8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily				1210								4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102		1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily				1211								5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103		4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily				1212								6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM								TINIAN TO SAIPAN										
FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY						
3401		12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily				2102		7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily						
GUAM TO ROTA								2103		8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily						
FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				2104		9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily						
4301		1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily				2105		10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily						
SAIPAN TO TINIAN								2106		11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily						
FLIGHT #		DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				2107		12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily						
1201		7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily				2108		1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily						
1202		8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily				2109		2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily						
								2110		3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily						
								2111		4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily						
								2112		5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
								2113		6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



Business

JOJO'S AVON OUTLET STORE

Helping women  
help  
themselves

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CORRESPONDENT

For 20 years now, Jojo Faller has been helping other women persevere, work hard and make a living selling Avon products in the CNMI. She has helped over 100 women who became Avon representatives to be leaders, top sellers, find work-life balance and get paid equal to the effort they put in the business. “One can make money selling Avon as this is a trusted



Jojo's Avon Outlet Store is on the ground floor of JGM Building along Quartermaster Road in Chalan Lau Lau.

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brand from the United States. They have everything—shoes, skin and beauty products, clothes, bags, to name a few. I was a stay-at-home mom taking care of my children and I

saw the opportunity to be with them and earn money at the same time,” Faller said. That was when Faller opened the Jojo's Avon Outlet Store nine years ago. Before



Jojo Faller, owner of Jojo's Avon Outlet Store, has been in the business of selling Avon products for 20 years now. “This is my passion and helping others gives me joy,” she said.

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that, she was doing business at home, where shared the opportunity to sell Avon products with other women, especially mothers. “Business is my passion and I find joy helping others earn money for their families,” Faller added.

Her store, located at the ground floor of the JMG Building on Quartermaster Road, is also a showroom for people who want to order Avon products.

“Most of my customers are locals and Filipinos. I sell 100% Avon products at very reasonable prices. For example, my deodorants only cost \$2; other stores sell it at \$2.50. Same with my perfume, which is only \$15; it is \$20 in other shops,” Faller said. “People really get discounted prices from my store as I take out the tax and shipping fees. ...I treat my customers like family. We help each other out and I am very

thankful to them.” Faller hopes to continue helping women fulfill their dreams and, in that way, be of service to the community. “There is no shelf-life when it comes to anybody who wants to earn and give their children a good future, so anyone can join and be a representative for Jojo's Avon Outlet store. Avon keeps growing with their products, so this passion of mine is going to be on island for a long time,” she said. Jojo's Outlet Store is open Monday to Saturday, from 10am to 6pm.

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Matson welcomes its largest and fastest vessel

GUAM—Matson Inc., a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, celebrated the inaugural service of the *Lurline*, the largest combination container/roll-on, roll-off ship built in the U.S., on Jan. 17 in Honolulu, Hawaii. *Lurline* arrived at the Honolulu Harbor on Jan. 15 to take its place as the newest, largest and fastest ship in Matson's fleet. *Lurline* will service the Hawaii market from Matson's U.S. mainland ports, improving reliability and efficiency in the region that will ultimately benefit customers in Guam. Much of Guam's cargo is relayed in Honolulu. *Lurline*, an iconic name in Matson's long history, dates to the construction of Capt. William Matson's first ship of that name in 1887. At

870 feet long, 114 feet wide (beam), with a deep draft of 38 feet and weighing in at over 50,000 metric tons, *Lurline* is Matson's largest ship and the largest con-ro vessel ever constructed in the U.S. It will also be one of Matson's fastest vessels, with a top speed of 23 knots, helping ensure on-time deliveries in Hawaii from Matson's three West Coast terminals in Seattle, Oakland, and Long Beach. This Kanaloa Class vessel has an enclosed garage with room for approximately 500 vehicles plus ample space for rolling stock and break-bulk cargo. It also features state-of-the-art green technology, including a fuel efficient hull design, environmentally safe double hull fuel tanks, fresh water ballast systems

and the first Tier 3 dual fuel engines to be deployed in containerships serving West Coast ports. Under the latest International Maritime Organization requirements for engine manufacturers, Tier 3 engines reduce the levels of particulate emissions by 40% and nitrogen oxide emissions by 20%, as compared to Tier 2 standards. More information on *Lurline* and Matson's fleet modernization program is available at: <https://www.matson.com/kanaloa-class.html>. **About Matson** Founded in 1882, Matson is a leading provider of ocean transportation and logistics services. Matson provides a vital lifeline to the domestic non-contiguous economies of Hawaii, Alaska, and Guam, and to other island economies in Micronesia. Matson also operates a premium, expedited service from China to South-



*Lurline* arrives at the Honolulu Harbor on Jan. 15 to take its place as the newest, largest and fastest ship in Matson's fleet.

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ern California and provides services to Okinawa, Japan and various islands in the South Pacific. The company's fleet of owned and chartered vessels includes container-ships, combination container and roll-on/roll-off ships and

custom-designed barges. Matson Logistics, established in 1987, extends the geographic reach of Matson's transportation network throughout the continental U.S. Its integrated, asset-light logistics services include rail

intermodal, highway brokerage, warehousing, freight consolidation, Asia supply chain services, and forwarding to Alaska. Additional information about the Company is available at [www.matson.com](http://www.matson.com). (PR)



LEADING INDICATORS

S&P	DOW	NASDAQ
3,320.79	29,196.04	9,370.81
-8.83	-152.06	-18.14
-0.27%	-0.52%	-0.19%

In U.S. dollar terms

EXCHANGE RATES

EXCHANGE RATES		Hong Kong Dollar	7.77	Russian Ruble	61.79
Australian Dollar	1.46	Indian Rupee	70.50	Singapore Dollar	1.35
British Pound	0.77	Japanese Yen	110.01	South Korean Won	1,141.60
Canadian Dollar	1.31	Malaysian Ringgit	4.03	Swiss Franc	0.97
Chinese Yuan	6.78	New Zealand Dollar	1.52	Taiwan Dollar	29.46
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# Nation

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The U.S. Senate plunged into President Donald Trump's impeachment trial on Tuesday with Republicans abruptly abandoning plans to cram opening arguments into two late-night sessions and Democrats arguing for more witnesses to expose Trump's "trifecta" of offenses.

The turn of events was a setback for Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell and the president's legal team, exposing a crack in the GOP ranks and the growing political unease over the historic impeachment proceedings unfolding amid a watchful public in an election year.

Chief Justice John Roberts gavelled open the session, with House prosecutors on one side, Trump's team on the other, in the well of the Senate, as senators sat silently at their desks, under oath to do "impartial justice." No cell-phones or other electronics were allowed.

Opening day stretched deep into the night. Senators remained as the clock passed 10:30 p.m., while Democrats pursued what may be their only chance to force senators to vote on hearing new testimony.

However, Republicans turned back Democratic amendments to subpoena documents from the White House, State Department, Defense Department and budget office, with more votes expected rejecting key witnesses with a front-row seat to Trump's actions. By the same 53-47 party-line, senators turned aside the Democrats request to subpoena acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney.

As the hours mounted, McConnell offered Democrats a



This artist sketch depicts White House counsel Pat Cipollone speaking in the Senate chamber during the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020. AP

## Republicans reject subpoenas as IMPEACHMENT DEBATE GOES ON

By LISA MASCARO and ZEKE MILLER  
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deal to stack the votes more quickly, but Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer countered that voting could resume Wednesday. No deal was reached.

"It's not our job to make it easy for you," Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee leading the prosecution, told the Senate. "Our job is to make it hard to deprive the American people of a fair trial."

Earlier, McConnell stunned senators and delayed the start of proceedings with his deci-

sion to back off some of his proposed rules. Republicans were said to be concerned over the political optics of "dark of night" sessions.

Instead, 24 hours of opening arguments for each side will be spread over three days, for a moment swelling Democrats' momentum as they push to break the standoff over calling new witnesses.

As the visitors' gallery filled with guests, actress-and-activist Alyssa Milano among them, and Trump's most ardent House allies lining the

back rows, the day quickly took on the cadence of a trial proceeding over whether the president's actions toward Ukraine warranted removal from office.

"It's time to start with this trial," said White House counsel Pat Cipollone, the president's lead lawyer, voicing impatience as the proceedings opened in public after weeks of delay.

Cipollone scoffed that the House charges against Trump were "ridiculous," insisting the president "has done abso-

lutely nothing wrong."

The White House legal team did not dispute Trump's actions, when he called Ukraine and asked for a "favor," which was to investigate Democrat Joe Biden as the U.S. was withholding military aid the ally desperately needed as it faced off with hostile Russia on its border. But the lawyers insisted the president did nothing wrong. "Absolutely no case," Cipollone said.

Schiff, the California Democrat, opened for the prosecution saying America's

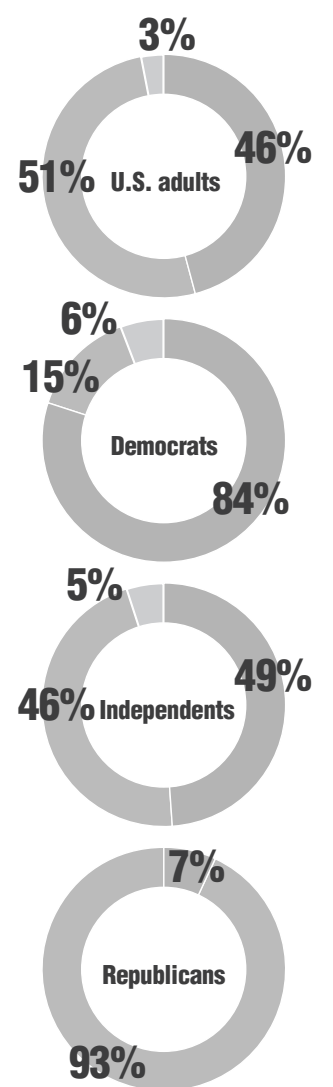
Founders added the remedy of impeachment in the Constitution with "precisely this type of conduct in mind—conduct that abuses the power of office for a personal benefit, that undermines our national security, and that invites foreign interference in the democratic process of an election."

Said Schiff: "It is the trifecta of constitutional misconduct justifying impeachment."

### Keep or convict

What do you want your senators to do?

- ☒ Convict/Remove?
- ☐ Not convict/Keep?
- ☐ No opinion



Source: Gallup  
Graphic: Staff, TNS



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Police: Mother says she killed 3 kids found in Phoenix home

**PHOENIX** (AP)—A Phoenix woman has been arrested on suspicion of killing her three children, who were found dead inside the family's home after firefighters got a call about a drowning, authorities said Tuesday. The 22-year-old mother, Rachel Henry, "has admitted to harming her three children," which led to their deaths, police Sgt. Mercedes Fortune told reporters outside the home on a block with several weathered wooden houses and an old mobile home in a once rural area of southern Phoenix. A relative who lives at the house called police late Monday, and officers found a

7-month-old girl, 2-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy in a living room with no obvious trauma. The Phoenix Fire Department also received a call from the home reporting a drowning involving three children, Capt. Rob McDade said.

#### 9 hurt when truck, school bus collide in Arkansas

**HOXIE, Ark.** (AP)—Nine people were injured, including a child who was airlifted to a hospital, when a school bus and a dump truck collided Tuesday afternoon on a state highway in northeast Arkansas, authorities said. Arkansas State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said the vehicles collided just south of Hoxie, about

120 miles (190 kilometers) northeast of Little Rock. The dump truck was southbound on U.S. 73 south of Hoxie when it struck the rear of a bus that was starting to turn onto a side road. The bus veered off the road and overturned, according to a state police statement. Seven students and the drivers of both vehicles were injured when the dump truck rear-ended the bus, the state police said. The agency said none of the injuries were believed to be life-threatening.

#### At 90, Alaska Native woman is 1st counted in US Census

**TOKSOOK BAY, Alaska** (AP)—Lizzie Chimiugak has lived for 90 years in the wind-

swept western wilds of Alaska, born to a nomadic family who lived in mud homes and followed where the good hunting and fishing led. Her home now is an outpost on the Bering Sea, Toksook Bay, and on Tuesday she became the first person counted in the U.S. Census, taken every 10 years to apportion representation in Congress and federal money. "Elders that were before me, if they didn't die too early, I wouldn't have been the first person counted," Lizzie Chimiugak said, speaking Yup'ik language of Yugtun, with family members serving as interpreters. "Right now, they're considering me as an elder, and they're asking me questions I'm trying my best

to give answers to, or to talk about what it means to be an elder." The decennial U.S. census has started in rural Alaska, out of tradition and necessity, ever since the U.S. purchased the territory from Russia in 1867.

#### Bloomberg calls for Trump's removal in new impeachment ad

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg launched a new impeachment-focused television ad Tuesday urging the Senate to remove President Donald Trump from office. The ad will run in 27 states, including states represented by vulnerable Republican senators, and be Bloomberg's only

ad on television in the next few days. It comes as the Senate begins its impeachment trial against Trump based on charges he abused his power and obstructed Congress. "It's time for the Senate to act and remove Trump from office, and if they won't do their jobs this November, you and I will," Bloomberg says in the ad, which appears to use footage from a recent campaign stop. Bloomberg has focused his campaign more on Trump than his Democratic primary rivals have. The billionaire businessman and former New York City mayor has promised to continue spending his own money to defeat Trump even if he loses the Democratic nomination.



# Asia

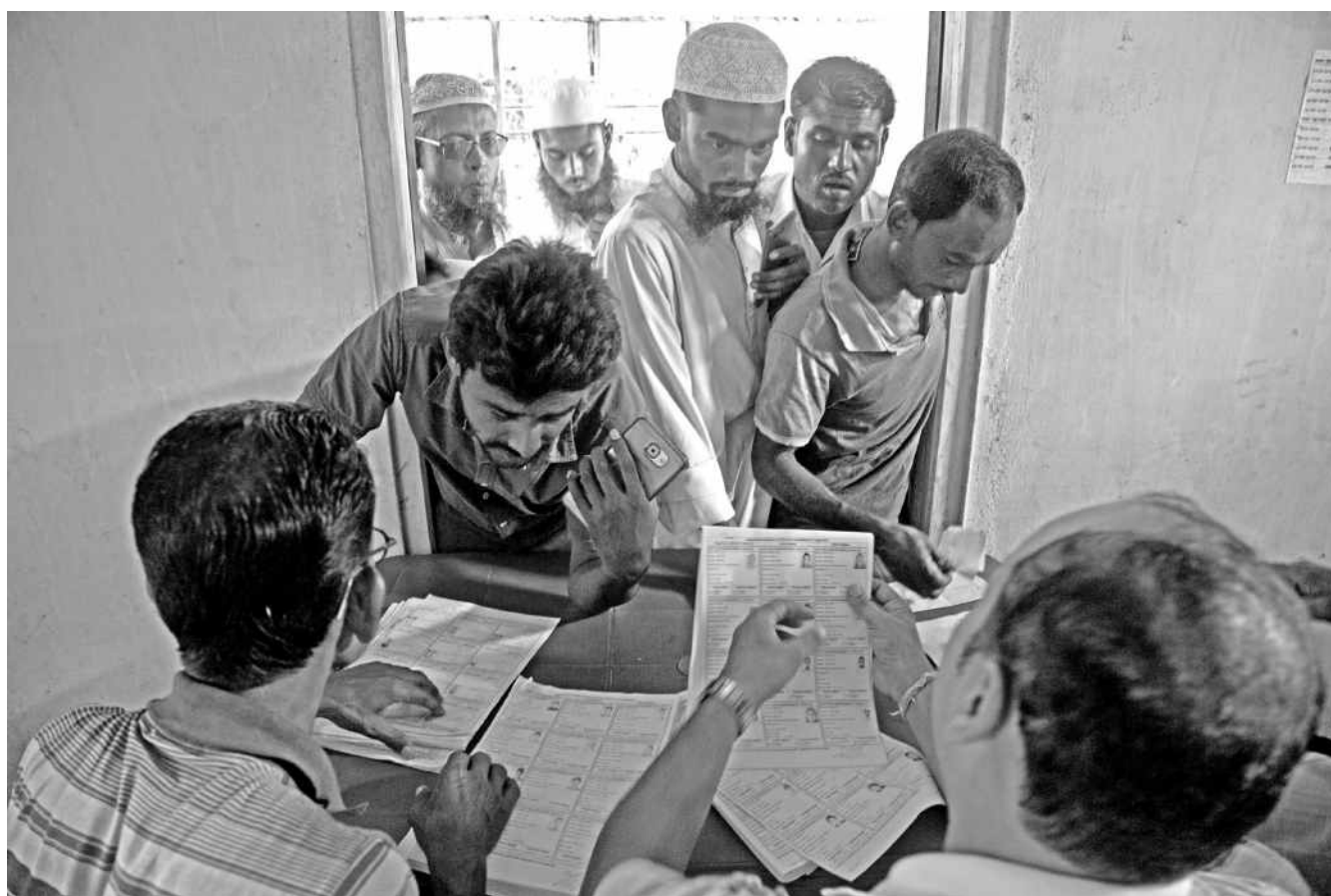
**N**EW DELHI (AP)—India has been embroiled in protests since December, when Parliament passed a bill amending the country's citizenship law. The new law provides a fast track to naturalization for some migrants who entered the country illegally while fleeing religious persecution. But it excludes Muslims, which critics say is discriminatory and a violation of India's Constitution. Here's a brief look at how India has grappled with citizenship:

## IT STARTED WITH PARTITION

British colonialists' split of the Indian subcontinent in 1947 into Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan triggered the world's largest human migration. Millions of Muslims left India for western and eastern parts of newly-created Pakistan and likewise Hindus and Sikhs made their way to India. About a million people were killed in sectarian violence during the crossing. More than 70 years later, the status of hundreds of thousands of people who descended from those migrants continues to be in limbo.

## SO HOW DID INDIA DETERMINE WHO WAS A CITIZEN?

Thousands of people—either legitimately or by bribing officials—were given Indian identification documents like ration cards and election registration cards. The first census of India was held in 1951 and the Citizenship Act came into force in 1955, setting rules for Indian citizenship on the basis of birth, descent and registration.



In this Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, file photo, villagers check for their names in the final list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) at an NRC center in Buraburi village in Morigaon district, in the northeastern Indian state of Assam. AP

# How India ended up in TURMOIL OVER CITIZENSHIP

## FURTHER GUIDANCE IS GIVEN

The Citizenship Amendment Act of 2003 said anyone born in India between 1950 and 1987 was an Indian citizen, as well as those born between 1987 and 2003 to at least one Indian citizen parent. Foreign nationals could pursue naturalization after 11 years of residing in India.

## WHAT DOES THE NEW

## CITIZENSHIP LAW CHANGE?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Hindu nationalist-led government pushed through a bill to give citizenship rights to some migrants who while fleeing religious persecution entered India illegally from Muslim-majority Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan on or before Dec. 31, 2014. The law applies to Hindus, Christians, Jains, Parsis and

Buddhists. People of other faiths and nationalities still have to wait 11 years.

It marks the first time that India, a secular state with a religiously diverse population, has set religious criteria for citizenship.

## ROOTS IN ANOTHER MASS MIGRATION

Hindu-Muslim riots in 1964 in what was then East Pakistan led to an exodus of Ben-

gali Hindus across the border into India. A war between India and Pakistan in 1965 and the breakup of Pakistan in 1971, with the eastern portion becoming an independent Bangladesh with the help of the Indian army, led to fresh waves of refugees crossing into India.

## LOCALS NOT HAPPY

Facing large-scale migration from Bangladesh to India's Assam state, student leaders in Assam started a fierce protest demanding detention, disenfranchisement and deportation of immigrants found to have entered the state illegally.

Acting on a petition, the Supreme Court ordered state authorities to count and verify

citizens. The process began in 2015 and concluded last summer with a list that excluded nearly 2 million of Assam's residents. About half of those were Hindu and the other half Muslim.

Those excluded must now prove their citizenship at quasi-legal tribunals or else be considered foreigners. The new citizenship law is seen as a way to provide excluded Hindus with a path to citizenship.

## THE GREAT UNKNOWN

Modi's government has proposed expanding the verification of citizenship around the country. The government has neither estimated the number of migrants in India illegally nor stated whether those deemed foreign will be detained, deported or allowed to stay on without the rights and privileges of citizenship. In the past, those deemed to be foreigners have been transferred to detention centers, where they have languished for years in legal limbo.

## THE BACKLASH

Nearly 60 petitions challenging the new citizenship law are pending with the Supreme Court, and protests have erupted across India. The protests have brought tens of thousands of people from different faiths and backgrounds together, in part because the law is seen as part of a larger threat to the pluralistic social fabric of Indian society. Five of India's 28 states—West Bengal, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh—have said that they will not implement the new law. Modi's party downplays the protests, saying they are orchestrated by opponents.

## UN report: 70% of world lives where inequality has grown

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—More than 70% of the world's people live in countries where inequality has grown since 1990, including China and India, and growing inequalities are benefiting the wealthiest, a U.N. report said Tuesday.

But increasing inequality is not a universal trend, the World Social Report 2020 added, saying there has been a decline in income inequality over the last two decades in most countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and in many African countries.

Despite this progress, the report said, the share of income going to the richest 1% of the global population increased in 46 out of 57 countries and areas for which data is available for 1990 to 2015.

In both developed and de-

veloping countries, tax rates declined, with the top income tax rates in developed countries dropping from 66% in 1981 to 43% in 2018, said the report by the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The income differences among some countries and regions also is dramatic. For example, the report said the average income of people living in North America is 16 times that of people living in sub-Saharan Africa.

"At a time when the consequences of our deeply unequal world play out in daily headlines, this report shows that the inequality challenge is a global one," U.N. chief economist Elliott Harris told reporters.

In the forward to the report, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wrote, "In

North and South alike, mass protests have flared up, fueled by a combination of economic woes, growing inequalities and job insecurity."

"Income disparities and a lack of opportunities are creating a vicious cycle of inequality, frustration and discontent across generations," he said.

The report, titled "Inequality in a Rapidly Changing World," examines the effect of four trends on inequality: technological innovation, climate change, urbanization and international migration.

It said rapid technological breakthroughs in recent decades tend to create "winners and losers," with highly skilled workers benefiting most and mainly low-skilled workers facing "job disruption—and, at times, destruction."

## Indonesia says 5 citizens kidnapped by Philippine militants

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Indonesian authorities said Tuesday that five of the country's citizens have been kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines.

The five being held hostage were among eight Indonesians on a Malaysian fishing boat that was fishing in Malaysian waters before it was seen entering Philippine waters on Jan. 16, Indonesia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

It said the boat was seen re-entering Malaysian waters the same day with only three people on board. The ministry said those three men told authorities that suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen took the other five fisherman, including the captain.

"The Indonesian government deeply regrets the recurrence of the abduction of our citizens on a Malaysian fishing vessel," the statement said.

The ministry said Indonesia was working closely with the Philippine government to coordinate a rescue.

It was the latest of a series of kidnappings by Abu Sayyaf militants and came a day after Philippine forces rescued Muhammad Farhan, an Indonesian who was held in the southern jungles of Sulu province for nearly four months. He was the last known Indonesian being held hostage by Abu Sayyaf.

Abu Sayyaf, which is on U.S. and Philippine lists of terrorist organizations, is notorious for bombings, ex-

tortion and kidnappings for ransom in the volatile southern Philippines. It has been weakened by years of U.S.-backed Philippine offensives but remains a security threat.

Government data showed some 39 Indonesians were kidnapped and held hostage by Abu Sayyaf militants between 2016 and 2019. Of the total, one hostage died while the others were freed.

Most victims were migrant workers abducted while conducting activities in the waters off Sabah on Malaysia's eastern coast.

Many Indonesian migrants work in Sabah for Malaysian fishing companies. The Indonesian government has urged its citizens not to sail as security in the waters off Sabah is not guaranteed.



# World



AP  
Central American migrants cross the Suchiate River from Mexico to Guatemala, near Tecun Uman, Guatemala, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

## Mexico begins flying, busing migrants back to Honduras

**CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico** (AP)—Hundreds of Central American migrants who entered southern Mexico in recent days have either been pushed back into Guatemala by Mexican troops, shipped to detention centers or returned to Honduras, officials said Tuesday. An unknown number slipped past Mexican authorities and continued north.

The latest migrant caravan

provided a public platform for Mexico to show the U.S. government and migrants thinking of making the trip that it has refined its strategy and produced its desired result: This caravan will not advance past its southern border.

What remained unclear was the treatment of the migrants who already find themselves on their way back to the countries they fled last week.

"Mexico doesn't have the capacity to process so many people in such a simple way in a couple of days," said Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, a professor at George Mason University studying how the caravans form.

The caravan of thousands had set out from Honduras in hopes Mexico would grant them passage, posing a fresh test of U.S. President Donald

Trump's effort to reduce the flow of migrants arriving at the U.S. border by pressuring other governments to stop them.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said 2,400 migrants entered Mexico legally over the weekend. About 1,000 of them requested Mexico's help in returning to their countries. The rest were being held in immigration

centers while they start legal processes that would allow them to seek refuge in Mexico or obtain temporary work permits that would confine them to southern Mexico.

On Tuesday afternoon, Jesus, a young father from Honduras who offered only his first name, rested in a shelter in Tecun Uman, Guatemala, with his wife and their baby, unsure of what to do next.

"No country's policy sustains us," he said in response to hearing Ebrard's comments about the situation. "If we don't work, we don't eat. (He) doesn't feed us, doesn't care for our children."

Honduran officials said more than 600 of its citizens were expected to arrive in that country Tuesday by plane and bus and more would follow in the coming days.

Of an additional 1,000 who tried to enter Mexico illegally Monday by wading across the Suchiate river, most were either forced back or detained later by immigration agents, according to Mexican officials.

Most of the hundreds stranded in the no-man's land on the Mexican side of the river Monday night returned to Guatemala in search of water, food and a place to sleep. Late Tuesday, the first buses carrying Hondurans left Tecun Uman with approximately 150 migrants heading back to their home country.

Mexican authorities distributed no water or food to those who entered illegally, in what appeared to be an attempt by the government to wear out the migrants.

Alejandro Rendón, an official from Mexico's social welfare department, said his colleagues were giving water to those who turned themselves in or were caught by immigration agents, but were not doing the same along the river because it was not safe for workers to do so.

"It isn't prudent to come here because we can't put the safety of the colleagues at risk," he said.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Tuesday that the government is trying to protect the migrants from harm by preventing them from traveling illegally through the country. He said they need to respect Mexican laws.

"If we don't take care of them, if we don't know who they are, if we don't have a register, they pass and get to the north, and the criminal gangs grab them and assault them, because that's how it was before," he said. "They disappeared them."

Mexican Interior Minister Olga Sánchez Cordero commended the National Guard for its restraint, saying: "In no way has there been an act that we could call repression and not even annoyance."

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Putin names new Cabinet as key members of Russian govt stay

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin formed his new Cabinet Tuesday, replacing many of its members but keeping his foreign, defense and finance ministers in place. The Cabinet shake-up comes as Putin has launched a sweeping constitutional reform that is widely seen as an attempt to secure his grip on power well after his current term ends in 2024. Immediately after announcing the proposed changes last week, Putin fired Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, who had the job for eight years, and named tax chief Mikhail Mishustin to succeed him. On Tuesday, Putin issued a decree outlining the structure of the new Cabinet and named its

members. He appointed his economic adviser Andrei Belousov as first deputy prime minister and named eight deputy prime ministers, including some new names, such as Dmitry Chernyshenko who was the head of the organizing committee for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

#### Death toll up to 10 in Ethiopia platform collapse; 250 hurt

**ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia** (AP)—Regional officials in Ethiopia on Tuesday confirmed 10 deaths and 250 people injured after a wooden platform collapsed during a religious event the day before. Thousands of people attended the colorful Epiphany celebration known as Timkat in the northern city of Gondar. "Ten people have lost their lives," the Ethiopian Press Agency quoted the city's po-

lice chief, Ayalew Teklu, as saying. "Thirteen people have sustained serious injuries, including four members of the security services." Ashenafi Tazebew with Gondar University Hospital said more than 250 people had received medical care. Some 80 people remained at the hospital, Ashenafi said. The collapse occurred inside the Emperor Fasilides Bath in the city where several thousand Ethiopians and tourists attended the celebration commemorating the baptism of Jesus.

#### French strikers turn off power to press govt

**PARIS** (AP)—Opening another front in their battle against the French government, protesting workers cut power to thousands of Parisians on Tuesday, plung-

ing homes into darkness and shutting down trains to one of the capital's main airports. The deliberate outage lasted around two hours. It hit users in the southern suburbs of Paris, which include the Orly international airport and the massive Rungis market that supplies food to the Paris region. Franck Jouanno, a local leader of the leftist CGT union, said power grid workers targeted the area because it is one of "the economic lungs of Europe." "It's symbolic," Jouanno said of the power cut, speaking in a telephone interview. "It made a buzz and that's what everyone wants." The CGT is pushing for a complete withdrawal of the French government's plans to overhaul the country's pension system. The planned reforms have triggered six weeks of protests and crippling transport strikes.



# Focus

**BEIJING** (AP)—Many countries are checking the temperatures of arriving airline passengers and adopting precautionary quarantine procedures in response to a new virus that has sickened nearly 300 people and killed six in China. India, Nigeria, Japan and the United States are some of the countries where airport screening procedures were in place.

The outbreak is believed to have originated in the city of Wuhan in central China. The Chinese government's confirmation that the new virus can be transmitted between people heightened fears it could spread faster and more widely just as millions of Chinese planned to travel for the Lunar New Year holiday. So far, the U.S., South Korea, Japan and Thailand have confirmed additional cases. Widening public health measures are intended to prevent a repeat of the 2002-2003 outbreak of SARS, which started in China and killed nearly 800 people.

## MAINLAND CHINA

China's often-secretive Communist government was blamed for making SARS far worse by initially hiding information and blocking the work of the World Health Organization. This time, leader Xi Jinping has called for tough measures and said "party committees, governments and relevant departments at all levels should put people's lives and health first." At the airport in Wuhan, the temperatures of departing passengers were checked and outbound tour groups were banned from leaving the city. Virtually everyone in a public role, from traffic police officers to bank tellers, is wearing a protective face mask. In addition to 258 cases in Wuhan, more than 20 have been diagnosed in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong province in the south and Zhejiang in the east.

## JAPAN

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urged officials to step up quarantine checks at airports and other entry points, and Japan will require visitors arriving from Wuhan to fill in health forms. Japan confirmed last week that a man in his 30s tested positive for the coronavirus after returning from the Chinese city. The health ministry says 41 people who had contact with him were being monitored and none has developed a fever, tight chest or other symptoms.

## HONG KONG

The semi-autonomous city is one of the most popular desti-



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Travelers wear face masks as they walk outside a train station in Yichang in southern China's Hubei province, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

# Virus

## prompts temperature checks, extra cleaning at airports

nations for mainland Chinese. It has stepped up surveillance and ordered more cleaning and disinfecting for planes and trains from Wuhan as well as for train stations and the airport. Acting Chief Executive Matthew Cheung said authorities are ready for a worst-case scenario and are on extremely high alert. A lack of information and low levels of vigilance were blamed for Hong Kong becoming the second-hardest hit area by SARS after mainland China in the early 2000s. As in much of mainland China, Hong Kong residents favor traditional markets where live poultry and other animals are sold. The government advises people against visiting such markets or touching animals or their droppings.

## UNITED STATES

The U.S. reported its first case of the virus on Tuesday in a man in Washington state who recently traveled from China. Health authorities are checking his contacts and travel. The U.S. also will route all Wuhan-originating airline passengers to five airports

where health screenings have begun or will begin later this week—New York's Kennedy airport, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed a test to detect the new coronavirus and plans to share it with others.

## SOUTH KOREA

South Korea reported its first case of the virus on Monday, in a Chinese woman who works at a South Korean company. At Incheon airport near Seoul, the only airport in South Korea with direct flights from Wuhan, two special gates are designated for passengers from the city and ear thermometers are used to check their temperatures. Arrival halls are being sprayed with disinfectant twice a week, up from once a week previously, and escalator handrails, elevator buttons and other sensitive surfaces are wiped with disinfectant twice a day. In 2015, South Korea suffered an outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome which killed 36 people and sickened nearly 200.

## NIGERIA

Nigeria's government says health authorities at points of entry are on alert for cases of coronavirus arriving in Africa's most populous country. The Nigeria Center for Disease Control asked that travelers from Wuhan report to a medical facility and the center if they feel ill. China is Africa's top trading partner. South Africa's National Institute for Communicable Diseases said anyone with a severe respiratory illness should be tested if they have traveled to Wuhan within two weeks or had close physical contact with a coronavirus patient or treatment at a facility where a confirmed case has been reported. There were more than 200,000 Chinese workers in Africa as of the end of 2017, not including numerous informal migrants such as traders and shopkeepers, according to the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University.

## INDIA

India will expand thermal screening of passengers arriving from China, including Hong Kong, to seven airports

from the current three. In-flight announcements before arrival will direct passengers with a fever or cough who have traveled to Wuhan in the previous 14 days to declare themselves to health authorities. Thermal screening will begin in Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Cochin, and continue in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said.

## SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

Singapore will expand temperature screening at Changi Airport, one of Asia's busiest travel hubs, for all travelers on flights arriving from China beginning on Wednesday. The health ministry said individuals with pneumonia and a history of travel to Wuhan within 14 days of the onset of symptoms will be isolated in a hospital as a precautionary measure and investigated. Neighboring Malaysia has also beefed up screening at Kuala Lumpur's airport. Deputy health Minister Lee Boon Chye said staff are being trained to handle possible cases. "If a case emerges, then we

## BANGLADESH

Bangladesh civil aviation authorities have ordered airport managers to start screening incoming passengers from China. A.H.M. Touhid-ul Ahsan, director of the main Shahjalal International Airport, said doctors at the airport would look for fevers, coughs, breathing difficulties and sore throats. The country's Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research will be notified of any passengers with symptoms for further examination, he said.

## AUSTRALIA

Brendan Murphy, Australia's chief medical officer, said biosecurity staff and state health officials in New South Wales are meeting flights from Wuhan and are distributing pamphlets printed in English and Chinese to all passengers. The pamphlets describe symptoms of infection and ask people to identify themselves if they are experiencing any.

## RUSSIA

Russia's Healthcare Ministry described the virus as a biological hazard, with Deputy Minister Sergei Krayevoy saying the virus was a "striking example" of the biological threats Russia faces. The Russian public health service, Rospotrebnadzor, said it had developed a testing kit that would allow labs to detect the new coronavirus quickly. Russia is one of the three most popular tourist destinations for people from China, according to Russian officials. They estimate that about 2 million tourists from China visited Russia in 2018.

## ITALY

The Italian Health Ministry says passengers making direct and indirect flights from Wuhan, China to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport will be checked for potential signs of the virus. People with suspected infections will be quarantined at an infectious disease hospital in Rome, the ministry says. No cases have been reported so far. Posters at the airport advise travelers to consider delaying trips to the Wuhan area and if they do go there to avoid touching animals or uncooked animal products.



## Environment

## BACKATCHA

## Thunberg returns Trump's climate jibe

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**DAVOS, Switzerland** (AP)—Greta Thunberg isn't easily intimidated.

The 17-year-old Swedish activist wasted little time on Tuesday to push back against U.S.

President Donald Trump's description of climate campaigners as "the perennial prophets of doom" who predict the "apocalypse."

Though Trump didn't mention her directly in his speech at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos, it was clear he had his sights on Thunberg, who shot to fame a year ago by staging a regular strike at her school and sparked a global environmental movement. She then beat the U.S. president to receive Time Magazine's award as the 2019 Person of the Year.

"The facts are clear, but they are still too uncomfortable for you to address," she told business and political leaders in Davos just after Trump's speech, also without directly mentioning the president. "You just leave it because you think it's too depressing and people will give up, but people will not give up. You are the ones who are giving up."

Thunberg brushed aside Trump's announcement that the U.S. would join the economic forum's initiative to plant 1 trillion trees across the globe to help capture carbon dioxide from the Earth's atmosphere.

"Planting trees is good of course but it's nowhere near enough," Thunberg said. "It cannot replace mitigation," she added, referring to efforts to drastically cut emissions in the near term.

Thunberg accused leaders of "cheating and fiddling around with numbers" with talk of cutting emissions to "net zero" - that is, emitting no more carbon than is absorbed by the planet or technical means - by 2050.

She and Trump have been sparring for months, but Thunberg did not seek to upstage the U.S. leader by walking out of his speech,

which was largely focused on trade and economics instead of the climate issues that the WEF has made a focus of at its meeting this year.

Last month, Trump told Thunberg in a tweet to "chill" and to "work on her Anger Management problem." It prompted a dry and humorous response from Thunberg, who then changed her Twitter caption to read: "A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old-fashioned movie with a friend."

Earth just finished its hottest decade on record with the five last years as the five hottest years on record, according to U.S. and other science agencies. Scientists repeatedly point to more extreme weather as a problem worsened by human-caused climate change. There have been 44 weather and climate disasters in the United States that caused at least \$1 billion in damage since 2017, killing 3,569 people, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Thunberg is not the only young activist to highlight the climate emergency, and was joined on a keynote panel by three others, all of whom said politicians and executives are not doing enough.

A survey of CEOs released this week by financial firm PwC showed that executives rank climate issues as only the 11th most serious risk to their businesses' growth.

Natasha Wang Mwansa, an 18-year-old from Zambia who campaigns for girls' and women's rights, said "the older generation has a lot of experience, but we have ideas, we have energy, and we have solutions."

And Salvador Gómez-Colón, who raised funds and awareness after Hurricane María devastated his native Puerto Rico in 2017, said young activists are doing more than just talking.

"We're not waiting five, 10, 20 years to take the action we want to see. We're not the future of the world, we're the present, we're acting now. We're not waiting any longer."

Thunberg cited a report released in 2018 by the U.N.'s science panel that calculated the amount of additional carbon dioxide the atmosphere can absorb before global average temperature increases exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit). Leaders agreed to try to stay below that threshold when they signed the 2015 Paris climate accord, but scientists warn the chances of doing so are dwindling.

Thunberg noted that the remaining carbon "budget" to confidently meet that target stood at just 420 gigatons of CO2 two years ago, the equivalent of 10 years of global emissions. Even with a more optimistic calculation, keeping the global temperature rise below 1.5 C would require a massive reduction in emissions over the next two decades.

While there has been widespread criticism both inside and outside the United States over Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the 2015 Paris climate accord, Thunberg said the rest of the world, too, was effectively missing the targets set down in that agreement.

"My generation will not give up without a fight," Thunberg said.

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Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg takes her seat prior to the opening session of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

AP



# Life & Style

## Netflix holds its own in streaming wars—for now

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Netflix is holding its ground in the streaming wars, passing its first big test since Apple and Disney launched rival services.

The company added 8.8 million worldwide subscribers during its fourth quarter, surpassing expectations at a time when it faces heated competition.

Netflix had said it expected to add 7.6 million subscribers, and analysts thought the service would fare even better. The increase pales slightly next to the 8.9 million subscribers the service added in the fourth quarter of 2018.

The stock dropped about 2.5% immediately in after-hours trading, likely due to a cautious forecast for the first quarter. But shares rebound-

ed and later traded up more than 2%.

The company—a pioneer in producing streaming media and binge-worthy shows—now boasts more than 167 million subscribers worldwide, bolstered by a list of well-received movies and shows released late last year. That includes the fantasy show “The Witcher” and Oscar nominees “The Irishman” and “Marriage Story.”

The boost helps reaffirm Netflix’s strong standing in the increasingly crowded world of video streaming. The fourth quarter was an important milestone for Netflix, as it was marked its first head-to-head competition with Apple’s \$5-per-month streaming service and Disney’s instantly popular \$7-a-month option.

## Pamela Anderson marries film producer Jon Peters

**MALIBU, Calif.** (AP)—Pamela Anderson has married movie producer Jon Peters.

Anderson and Peters married Monday in a private ceremony in Malibu, California, a representative for Anderson said Tuesday.

It’s the fifth marriage for both the 52-year-old model-actress and the 74-year-old film producer, who recently reunited after first dating more than 30 years ago.

Anderson’s husbands have included rocker Tommy Lee and rapper Kid Rock. Peters’

former wives include actress Lesley Ann Warren, and he was once in a long and high-profile relationship with Barbra Streisand.

Peters was a producer on Streisand’s 1976 version of “A Star Is Born” and the 2018 remake, along with dozens of other films including 1989’s “Batman” and 1999’s “Wild Wild West.”

Anderson starred on television’s “Baywatch” and in several films, and has made frequent appearances in Playboy.

## Rocker Ozzy Osbourne announces Parkinson’s diagnosis

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Rocker Ozzy Osbourne says that he’s been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, a nervous system disorder that affects movement.

The 71-year-old Grammy winner and former vocalist for the metal band Black Sabbath said during an interview on “Good Morning America” that aired Tuesday that the diagnosis came after a fall last year.

Osbourne had to cancel tour dates last year due to health troubles. Osbourne said he really wants to get well and get back to performing because he misses his fans.

His wife, Sharon Osbourne, told GMA that the diagnosis “was not a death sentence by



any stretch of the imagination,” but he had good days

and bad days.

Osbourne and his family, in-

(PHOTO BY VIANNEY LE CAER/INVISION/AP, FILE)

This June 11, 2018 file photo shows musician Ozzy Osbourne, left, and his wife Sharon Osbourne at the Metal Hammer Golden God awards in London. The 71-year-old Grammy winner and former vocalist for the metal band Black Sabbath said during an interview on “Good Morning America” that aired Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, that he’s been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, a nervous system disorder that affects movement. The diagnosis came after a fall last year.

cluding his children and wife, were the stars of their own reality show called “The Osbournes.”

## Taylor Swift reveals her mother has a brain tumor

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Taylor Swift has revealed in a new interview that her mother has a brain tumor.

Swift, who has spoken about her mother’s battle with cancer over the years, told Variety in an interview published Tuesday that while her mother was going through treatment, “they found a brain tumor.”

“And the symptoms of what a person goes through when they have a brain tumor is nothing like what we’ve ever been through with her cancer before. So it’s just been a really hard time for us as a family,” Swift said.

Though Taylor Swift is the celebrity, Andrea Swift has become a recognizable figure among the pop star’s



This combination photo shows Taylor Swift at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles on Nov. 24, 2019, left, and Swift’s mother Andrea Finlay at the 50th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Arlington, Texas on April 19, 2015. Swift has revealed in a new interview that her mother has a brain tumor. Swift, who has spoken about her mother’s battle with cancer over the years, told Variety in an interview published Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, that while her mother was going through treatment, “they found a brain tumor.”

(AP PHOTO)

die-hard fans, with some of them even posting about her online. Andrea Swift is often seen smiling by her daughter’s side at award shows and in public.

“Everyone loves their mom; everyone’s got an important mom,” Swift, 30, told Variety. “But for me, she’s really the guiding force. Almost every decision I make, I talk to her about it first. So obviously it was a really big deal to ever speak about her illness.”

## Talkative woman gives her friend the silent treatment

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a busy woman. My friend “Adele” was calling me excessively on my cellphone. She would call up to three times every day, even when I was at work. When I would take her call, she’d start questioning me, asking me what I was so busy with. At times she would lecture me about things she thought I should be doing.

Her perfectionism and nonstop phone calls were smothering me. I finally asked her, as graciously as I could, to please stop the excessive calling. Now she no longer speaks to me at all.

We were friends for years, but the constant contact was stressing me out. Do you think I have ruined this friendship, or is this something that will blow over?

SMOTHERED ON THE EAST COAST

**DEAR SMOTHERED:** Adele should not have been calling you multiple times every day, especially while you were at work, which could have had a negative effect on your job performance. It was not rude to ask her to stop and to explain why.

It appears that while your friend had no hesitation to lecture you about what you “should” do, she was hypersensitive when it came to receiving some constructive criticism. You haven’t heard from her because she is trying to punish you. Consider yourself lucky. You haven’t ruined the friendship; she has.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a gay man. I moved to this city to be

with my boyfriend six years ago. We have since broken up and gone our separate ways.

When I moved here, I left behind my family, friends and all I had ever known to be with him, but something just never felt right here. Since the breakup, this city has felt less and less like home, but the problem is, I never really felt at home in the town I grew up in either. It was a small, repressed community where if you even said the word “gay,” most people were ready to shun you. Only some of my closest and dearest friends and a few family members really accepted me.

I guess my problem now is, I just don’t know what to do. I’m trying to find my place in this world. Any advice you can offer or help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

NO PLACE FEELS LIKE HOME

**DEAR NO PLACE:** Go on the internet and start researching cities that have a sizable gay community in which you can meet other gay people. Your next step should be to see what employment opportunities are available there for someone with your skill set. If you make the move, I predict it won’t take you long to feel at home because you will find the emotional support you are looking for. I wish you luck on what I am sure will be an exciting and rewarding step forward in your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I sent a VERY nice watch to my grandson for his 23rd birthday. The first thing he did was have it appraised

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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for value and authenticity. The second thing he did was let me know he did it. I am flabbergasted and somewhat offended.

Additionally, this grandson and his siblings seem never to have been taught the importance of a handwritten thank-you note. Am I wrong and old-fashioned?

NOT SO SURE IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR NOT SO SURE:** Not in my book. Good manners never go out of fashion. But don’t blame your grandson or his siblings for the breach of etiquette. Parents are supposed to teach their children the social niceties, and it appears theirs fell down on the job.

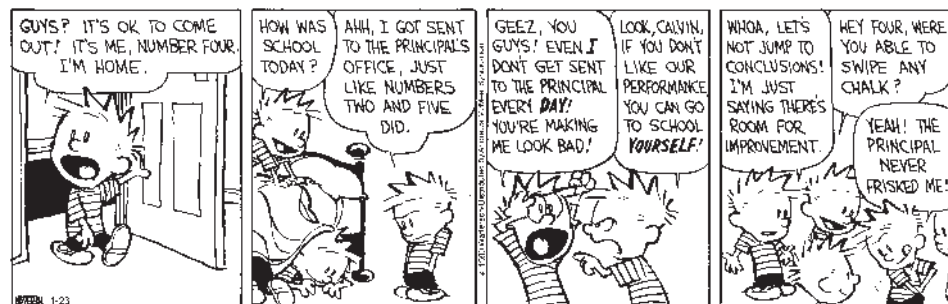
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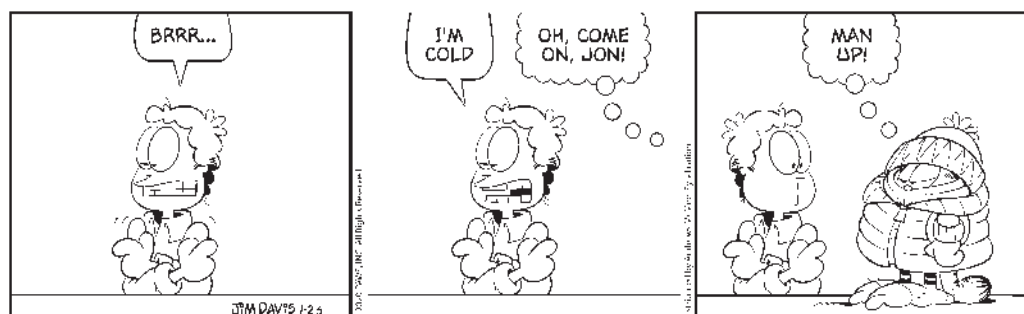
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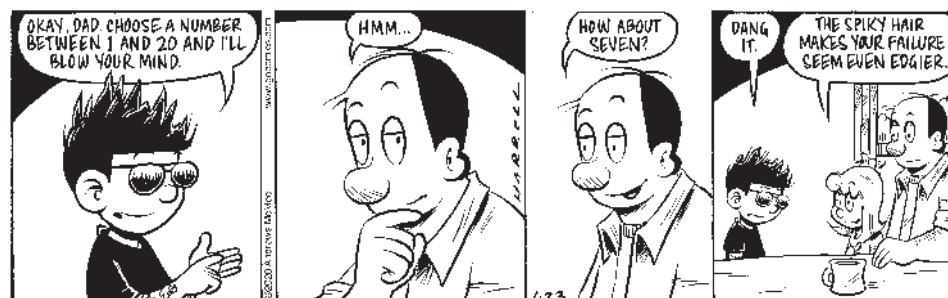
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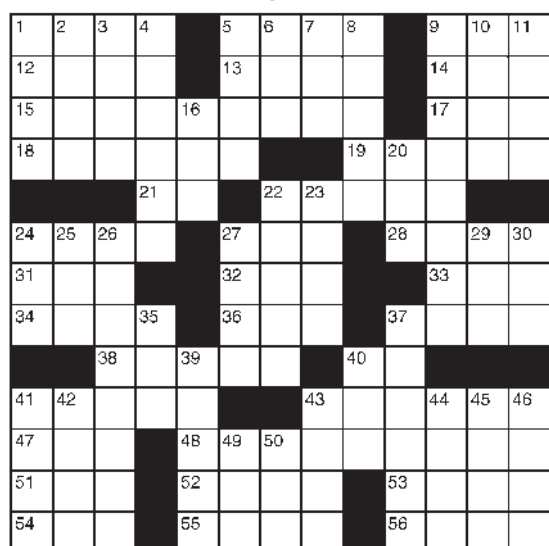
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9 HBO alternative  
12 Contented sounds  
13 Bring up  
14 Tic-tac-toe win  
15 "Well, I never!"  
17 Swab the deck  
18 Building managers  
19 Helps a hood  
21 Battery size  
22 Fund  
24 Wolf's cry  
27 Method  
28 Dull  
31 Bonfire residue  
32 Mineral suffix  
33 I love (Lat.)  
34 Potatoes partner  
36 In shape  
37 Ollie's pal
- DOWN**
- 1 Raven calls  
38 Tom Sawyer creator  
40 "I see"  
41 Beer mug  
43 Lionel toys  
47 Sushi fish  
48 "Have you heard?"  
51 Hosp. workers  
52 Pound of verse  
53 "Damn Yankees" vamp  
54 Citric beverage  
55 Deceitful person  
56 Quarrel
- 2 Diamond Head locale**  
**3 Bloke**  
**4 Bonelike**  
**5 "— chic!"**  
**6 Not 'neath**  
**7 Dallas cager, for short**  
**8 The staff of life**  
**9 A little**  
**10 Owl call**  
**11 "Clumsy me!"**  
**16 Gun lobby org.**  
**20 Automaton, for short**  
**22 Dine at home**  
**23 Russian refusal**
- 24 Deli choice**  
**25 Sugary suffix**  
**26 "Is there more to the story?"**  
**27 Laptop connection**  
**29 Ms. Thurman**  
**30 Mafia boss**  
**35 Prefix with night or light**  
**37 Shoulder garments**  
**39 Well-behaved kid**  
**40 Hosp. areas**  
**41 Antitoxins**  
**42 Look after**  
**43 Despot**  
**44 Denny's rival**  
**45 "The Lion King" lioness**  
**46 RBI, for one**  
**49 Submachine gun**  
**50 Epoch**

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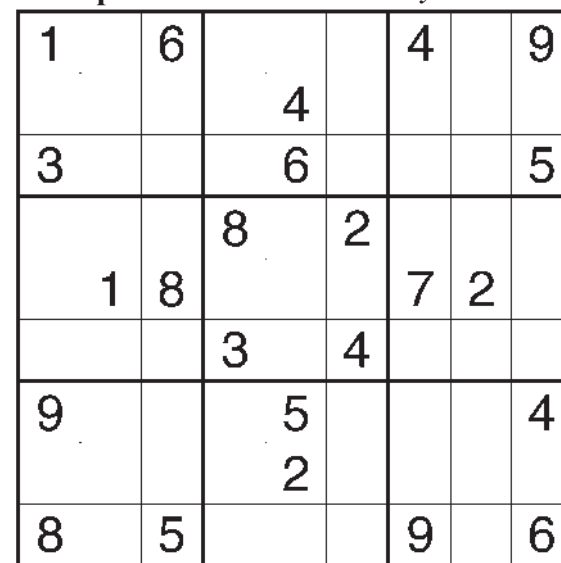
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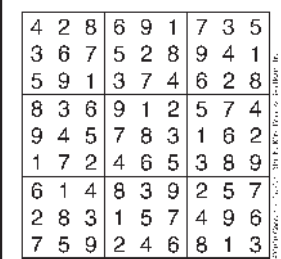
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# Jeter 1 vote shy of unanimous, Walker also elected to Hall

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Known for two decades as No. 2, Derek Jeter is now linked to the number 1 — as in, who was the lone Hall of Fame voter who didn't put a check mark next to his name?

Jeter came within one vote of being a unanimous pick, falling just shy of the standard set when longtime New York Yankees teammate Mariano Rivera became the first unanimous selection last year. Larry Walker also earned baseball's highest honor Tuesday in his last chance on the ballot.

For now, the identity and motivation of the non-conformist remains a mystery.

"Well, I look at all the votes that I got," Jeter said. "Trying to get that many people to agree on something is pretty difficult to do. So that's not something that's on mind."

Longtime shortstop and captain of the Yankees, Jeter appeared on 396 of 397 ballots cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. His 99.7% moved above Ken Griffey Jr. (99.3%) for the second-highest share.

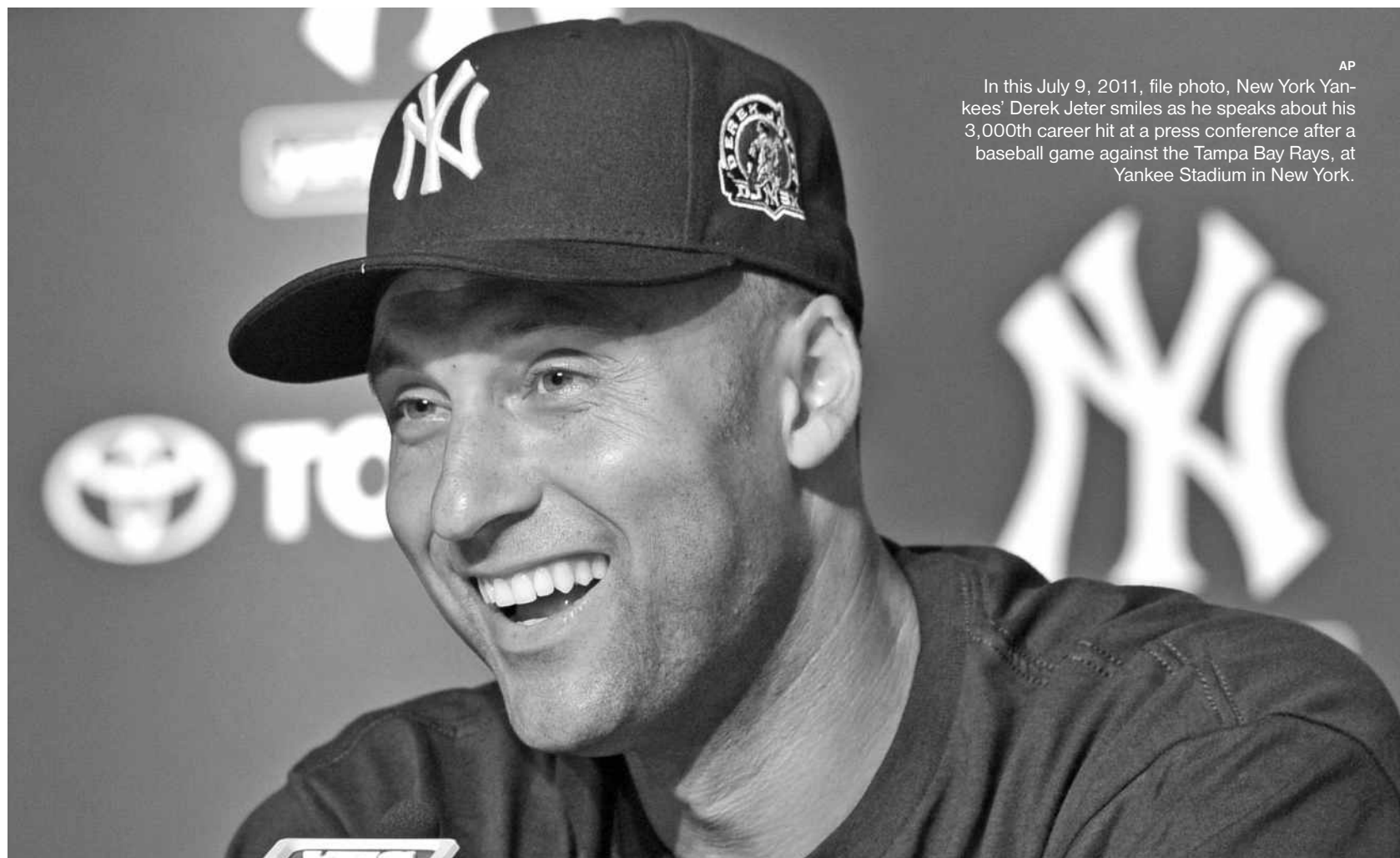
Jeter was listed on all 219 ballots made public by Ryan Thibodaux's vote tracker before the announcement. The BBWAA will release additional ballots on Feb. 4 of writers who chose a public listing.

"Everyone told me it was a foregone conclusion. I didn't buy it. So it was not a relaxing day. There was a lot of anxiety," Jeter said. "I was nervous, sitting around waiting for a phone call is something that is completely out of your control."

Walker got 304 votes, six above the 75% needed and up from 54.6% last year. He was making his 10th and final appearance on the BBWAA ballot and tweeted earlier in the day "I believe I'm going to come up a little short today" after checking the vote tracker and projecting he would finish at 73.3%.

As the announcement time approached, Walker had just about given up.

"I had it when they're going to call, a roundabout time, and that time had come and gone," he said. "And there was two



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In this July 9, 2011, file photo, New York Yankees' Derek Jeter smiles as he speaks about his 3,000th career hit at a press conference after a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

minutes after that when the call actually came."

When Walker's phone rang, he uttered a profanity and then: "Oh my God!" He answered, and BBWAA secretary-treasurer Jack O'Connell was on the line.

"You didn't come up short this year. You passed the 75% threshold, and welcome to the Hall of Fame," Walker remembered O'Connell telling him.

Pitcher Curt Schilling was third with 278 votes (70%) in his eighth ballot appearance, an increase from 60.9% but still 20 votes shy. The steroids-tainted pair of Roger Clemens (61%) and Barry Bonds (60.7%) both showed slight increases in their eighth tries. Clemens rose from 59.5% last year and Bonds from 59.1%.

Jeter and Walker will be inducted on July 26 at the Hall in Cooperstown along with catcher Ted Simmons and former players' association head Marvin Miller, who were voted in last month by the Hall's Modern Era Committee.

Ballot holdovers could ben-

efit next year, when the most prominent first-time eligibles are Torii Hunter and Mark Buehrle. The 2022 ballot will include David Ortiz and Alex Rodriguez, who served a season-long suspension in 2014 for violations of the drug program and baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Slick-fielding shortstop Omar Vizquel could be a riser after getting 52.6% in his third year on the ballot. The 11-time Gold Glove winner with 2,877 hits has seven more years to earn 75%. Other potential movers include third baseman Scott Rolen (35.5%), reliever Billy Wagner (31.7%) and slugger Gary Sheffield (30.5%).

The 397 total votes cast were the fewest since 1985.

A five-time World Series champion, Jeter became a face of baseball as he starred in the nation's largest media market from 1995-2014. He was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1996 as the Yankees won the World

Series for the first time since 1978, then led New York to three straight titles from 1998-2000, the only team to accomplish the feat since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics. The rebuilt Yankees added their 27th title in 2009.

Still, Jeter's resume lacked a coda.

"I had a great relationship with Reggie Jackson," Jeter said. "And Reggie used to constantly remind me when he when he came to the park, he'd always tell me, 'You're not a Hall of Famer yet.'"

Jeter defined himself by moments more than numbers: his unexpected backhand flip from foul territory to throw out Oakland's Jeremy Giambi in the 2001 AL Division Series; his Mr. November home run in the 10th inning that won Game 4 of the 2001 World Series; his face-first leap into the stands after catching a 12th-inning popup by Boston's Trot Nixon in 2004; his home run into the left-field bleachers for his 3,000th hit as part of



a career-best 5-for-5 game in 2011; his ninth-inning walkoff single in his final home game in 2014; his last at-bat single three days later that lifted his career average to .310.

Drafted sixth overall in 1992 after he was spotted by Yankees scout Dick Groch as a high school junior a year earlier, Jeter was bypassed by Houston (Phil Nevin), Cleveland (Paul Shuey), Montreal (B.J. Wallace), Baltimore (Jeffrey Hammonds) and Cincinnati (Chad Mottola). He debuted for the Yankees on May 29, 1995, and was installed at shortstop the following spring training by new manager Joe Torre.

Jeter became a 14-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner despite defensive metrics that were maligned. He was appointed captain by owner George Steinbrenner in June 2003, filling a position that had been open since Don Mattingly's retirement after the 1995 season. He finished with 3,465 hits, 260 homers, 358 stolen bases and 1,311 RBIs, earning \$266 million from the Yankees.

He was the ninth player elected to the Hall after playing exclusively for the Yankees, joining Lou Gehrig (1939), Bill Dickey (1954), Joe DiMaggio (1955), Earle Combs (1970), Whitey Ford and Mickey Mantle (1974), Phil Rizzuto (1994) and Rivera. Jeter's No. 2 jersey was retired by New York.

Jeter used some of his savings to join the group purchasing the Miami Marlins in September 2017, becoming CEO. Jettisoning veterans and going with low-priced

youth in a way the Yankees never did, Jeter endured a pair of last-place finishes and the lowest home attendance in the major leagues.

Walker hit .313 with 383 homers, 1,311 RBIs and 230 stolen bases for Montreal (1989-94), Colorado (1995-2004) and St. Louis (2004-05), a five-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner. He was the 1997 NL MVP and led the major leagues in batting average in 1998, 1999 and 2001.

Evaluating his offensive performance gave some voters difficulty because he spent 9 1/2 seasons in the thin air of Denver's Coors Field. Walker batted .381 with an 1.172 OPS and 154 home runs in 597 games at Coors and .282 with 229 homers and an .873 OPS in 1,391 games elsewhere, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

He received just 20.3% in his first ballot appearance in 2011 and dropped as low as 10.2% in 2014. He rose to 21.9% in 2017 before jumping to 34.1% in 2018.

Walker became the second Canadian-born player elected to the Hall after Ferguson Jenkins in 1991.

"You grew up in Canada, you're born into hockey and that's what's in your blood and veins. And just so baseball was something I had to learn along the ways," Walker said.

Walker played hockey until he was 16, then switched spots. He thought about what would have happened had he remained on ice.

"I would probably be missing a few more teeth," he said.

## Rockies' Arenado feels disrespected over trade rumors



**DENVER (AP)**—Rockies star Nolan Arenado said he feels disrespected after Colorado general manager Jeff Bridich acknowledged listening to trade offers for the seven-time Gold Glove winner.

Bridich told The Denver Post on Monday that he expected Arenado to be Colorado's third baseman this season after discussing potential

deals involving the 28-year-old this winter. The five-time All-Star agreed to a \$260 million, eight-year contract with the Rockies last February.

Asked via text message about Bridich's comments, Arenado told The Associated Press: "I don't care what he says there's a lot of disrespect around there."

The slugger insisted he doesn't envision mending fences with Bridich.

"There is no relationship anymore it's just play hard for my teammates and the fans," Arenado said.

Arenado was set to become a free agent after last season before signing his long-term contract, which includes a full no-trade clause. He can opt out of the deal after the 2021 season and become a free agent.

Arenado hit a career-high .315 with 41 home runs, 118

RBIs and a .962 OPS last season, but Colorado went 71-91 and finished fourth in the NL West after making the playoffs the previous two seasons.

The Rockies have had a quiet offseason — aside from constant speculation that Arenado could be shipped out. Colorado has not made a trade or signed any major league free agents since the end of the World Series.



# Magic Johnson at Stern memorial: I'm going to miss my angel



**NEW YORK** (AP)—David Stern was remembered Tuesday as a mentor and a leader, a Little League parent and a loyal friend.

To Magic Johnson, he was an angel.

Johnson tearfully recalled Stern's firm support after the Hall of Fame player learned he had HIV, and how it was the former NBA commissioner allowing him to play in the 1992 All-Star Game despite some players' fears that kept his spirits up during the darkest time of his life.

"That game saved my life," Johnson said.

Johnson was one of the speakers at a memorial service for Stern, who died Jan. 1 at age 77 after suffering a brain hemorrhage a few weeks earlier.

Radio City Music Hall was filled with what Commissioner Adam Silver called one of the greatest collections of basketball talent in one location, from mighty big men Bill Russell and Yao Ming to dazzling distributors such as Johnson and Isiah Thomas.

They listened to stories hailing Stern not only for his brilliance as a businessman, but for his commitment to social responsibility and his love of his family. Speakers, ranging from colleagues in the league to friends from before he arrived there, talked of how Stern would help people arrange doctor's appointments and score All-Star tickets, and how he loved to offer his assistance — especially, Silver noted, when it hadn't been asked.

Stern spent 30 years as commissioner, the league's longest-serving leader, and Silver noted that few people in the room would have had the opportunities they did in life without Stern, whose longtime office at NBA headquarters was just a block away.

"He belongs on this big stage," Silver said. "He changed the world."

The 2½-hour ceremony began with Silver and ended with remarks by Stern's two sons. Eric Stern revealed his father's love of crude jokes, while older brother Andrew recalled how Stern refused to part with his wood-paneled station wagon, even long after he could afford BMWs.

They both noted Stern's desire to be at their events, even if long hours at the office meant he had to miss the beginning.

Of course, not everybody saw that side of Stern. Few escaped a foul-mouthed tirade if they didn't meet Stern's high



expectations, and Pat Riley got tongue lashings and fines for criticizing referees, saying Stern would constantly tell him he needed to be better.

Making things better was a mission of Stern's. The more the NBA grew and the further its reach expanded, the more that Stern insisted it increase its commitment to help others. Pictures and videos shown before the speakers seemingly depicted as much footage of NBA Cares events as of basketball events, with Stern helping to build houses or read with children in libraries.

"Shame on us, he would say, if we don't do all we can with the platform we have," said Kathy Behrens, the NBA's president of social responsibility and player programs.

Stern began at the NBA at a time when the league was fighting for attention, plagued by drug problems in the 1970s and struggling to gain the interest of mainstream America when nearly three-quarters of the players were black.

But Stern drove employees at the league and on its teams to work through that, to turn the league into what he thought it could become.

"No one had a better crystal ball than David Stern," said Val Ackerman, the commissioner of the Big East who previously was an assistant to Stern at the NBA.

Ackerman choked up when discussing Stern's dedication to women's sports, how he was at the first WNBA game in New York in 1997 and remained a champion of the

league even when there were early detractors.

"For all the advances in

women's team sports since that auspicious night, I hope historians will write that it

was women's basketball and the WNBA that did it first and blazed a trail," Ackerman said.

## Leonard scores 36 to lead Clippers past Mavericks, 110-107

**DALLAS** (AP)—Kawhi Leonard scored 36 points, Landry Shamet hit two clutch 3-pointers late and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-107 Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Dallas ended a four-game winning streak, and more importantly, lost a key piece in center Dwight Powell just as they welcomed back Kristaps Porzingis.

Porzingis scored 10 points on 4-for-17 shooting in his return after missing 10 games with right knee soreness. Late in the first quarter, Powell went down on a non-contact play with a right Achilles tendon injury.

Luka Doncic had 36 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for Dallas. He scored 24 points in the second half to help rally the Mavericks after they trailed by double digits from late in the second quarter through most of the third.

A see-saw fourth quarter turned on Shamet's 3 from the left wing to give Los Angeles a 100-98 lead with 2:48 to play. Montrezl Harrell added two free throws, then Shamet sank another 3 from straight-on to put the Clippers up by seven. He finished with 18 points.

Maxi Kleber's dunk brought the Mavs within 108-105, but after a Clippers turnover, Tim Hardaway Jr.'s potential tying 3 spun around and out. JaMychal Green



Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard (2) dunks the ball over Dallas Mavericks forward Luka Doncic (77) in during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 in Dallas.

missed two free throws, but then Doncic missed two — the second intentionally — and Leonard sealed it with two free throws.

With Powell out, Dallas got 16 valuable minutes from former Clipper Boban Mar-

janovic, who had 12 points and seven rebounds. His turnaround hook with 6:23 to play tied it at 90, capping a rally from a 14-point, second-half deficit.

Powell went down with 2:57 left in the first quarter.

In this Aug. 7, 2014, file photo, David Stern, a member of the 2014 class of inductees into the Basketball Hall of Fame, listens to a question during a news conference in Springfield, Mass. A tribute to late NBA Commissioner Stern is to be held at New York's Radio City on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

"I hope they'll write that David, while always quick to deflect credit, was the most important figure in the women's sports movement since Billie Jean King."

Then, with King in attendance, Ackerman wrapped up her remarks by reading from a email Stern had sent her touting the WNBA's accomplishments.

"As usual, I'm unable to say it better," she said. "We broadly truly owe him."

So does Johnson, who said Stern would constantly check up on him to make sure he was healthy, and ask Johnson's wife if he was eating right.

"I'm going to miss my friend. I'm going to miss my angel," Johnson said, "and now who's going to be there at the All-Star Game to make sure I'm OK."

He started to drive toward the basket but fell to the ground and immediately slapped the floor in pain. He was helped to the locker room putting no weight on his right leg.

The team later announced that Powell had an Achilles tendon injury and he was out for the game. Powell's teammate J.J. Barea—who tore his right Achilles tendon last season—was distraught as Powell was taken off the court.

Powell was averaging nearly 10 points a game in 39 games prior to the injury. With Porzingis out, Powell averaged 13 points over 10 games on 71% shooting.

Clippers forward Paul George missed his sixth straight game with a left hamstring strain. Clippers guard Patrick Beverley left in the second quarter with a groin injury and did not return. Clippers forward Maurice Harkless returned after missing one game with a sore back.

Coach Rick Carlisle spoke before the game about Delonte West, who played for Dallas in 2011-12. A Maryland police officer has been suspended for shooting a video that shows West as he was being questioned while shirtless and handcuffed. "I think we all feel bad that he's in the situation that he's in," Carlisle said. "The hope is that he will get help."



# Nadal: A lot on his mind at Australia Open, but not No. 20

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Rafael Nadal says he's thinking about his next opponent ... and his next practice session ... and trying to recreate the superb tennis he played in his straight-set victory in the Australian Open's first round.

What he insists is not on his mind is the number 20 — as in Roger Federer's record 20 Grand Slam singles titles, which Nadal would equal by claiming the trophy at Melbourne Park.

"I don't care about 20 or 15 or 16. I just care about (trying) to keep going, keep enjoying my tennis career. It's not like 20 is the number that I need to reach. If I reach 20, fantastic," Nadal said Tuesday, raising his hands in the air. "If I reach 21, better. If I (stay at) 19? Super happy about all the things that I did in my tennis career, no?"

He must have been pleased with the way his 6-2, 6-3, 6-0 win over Hugo Dellien went.

That was built with a 38-15 edge in winners and breaks in eight of Dellien's 11 service games.

Nadal, at age 33 the oldest No. 1 in ATP history, owns 19 major championships, but only one came in Australia, 11 years ago.

Twelve, of course, were collected at the French Open, four at the U.S. Open and two at Wimbledon.

"I won the U.S. Open a few months ago, and I was super happy in that moment. But today I'm happier than if I didn't win the U.S. Open? Probably not," Nadal said with a hearty laugh. "The only thing I can



Spain's Rafael Nadal serves to Bolivia's Hugo Dellien during their first round singles match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

do is put all my efforts on (trying) to keep going the best way possible. The rest of the things, the future will see."

## ANISIMOVA'S RETURN SLAM

Fast-rising American teenager

Amanda Anisimova played her first Grand Slam match since her father, who also coached her, died last year.

His sudden passing came just before the U.S. Open, so she withdrew from that tournament.

Anisimova reached the semifinals of the French Open in 2019 at age 17, becoming the first player born in the 2000s to get that far at a major. She was ranked 51st at the time and unseeded.

Now 18, she was seeded

21st at Melbourne Park, but was beaten 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 by Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan.

## CAREER COMEBACK SLAM

Credit Fabio Fognini with a career Grand Slam of comebacks: His 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5) rain-interrupted victory across two days against Reilly Opelka of the U.S. gave the 12th-seeded Italian a total of eight wins in matches after dropping the opening two sets.

And now that he's done it at the Australian Open, Fognini has a full collection, with at least one such reversal at each of the

four major tournaments. According to the International Tennis Federation, only 11 other men have done it at each Slam, a group that includes Roger Federer, Rod Laver and Boris Becker, but not Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic.

The most famous example of an 0-2 comeback by Fognini came against Nadal at the 2015 U.S. Open. Fognini said he doesn't recall all of his turnaround victories, but he sure does remember that one.

So does Opelka, who rued the fact that play was halted against Fognini because of showers Monday after the initial game of the third set.

Opelka said that Nadal match wasn't really on his

mind, but "if anything, it was just more to have me prep to expect (Fognini) to want to win and believe in himself that he can win. Clearly, he did."

## GULBIS GROUNDS FAA

Felix Auger-Aliassime is considered a future star of men's tennis, a 19-year-old from Canada who was seeded 20th at the Australian Open — and is already out after a first-round loss against Ernests Gulbis, who once was a young up-and-comer himself.

Back when he was in his 20s, Gulbis reached the French Open semifinals and earned a spot in the

top 10 of the ATP rankings. A series of injuries waylaid his career, including a back problem in 2019; he entered Tuesday ranked only 256th and needed to go through qualifying just to get into the main draw.

Made the most of it, though, beating Auger-Aliassime 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

"We saw the good Gulbis today," Auger-Aliassime said.

The 31-year-old Gulbis, who is from Latvia, described himself as "emotional when I was walking back to the locker room, because it's not easy. It's not easy to come back. It's not easy to play Challengers. But these moments are really worth it."

## Coco Gauff sets up Australian Open showdown vs. Naomi Osaka

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Plenty was going badly for Coco Gauff in the second round of the Australian Open.

The double-faults kept coming Wednesday, nine in all. The deficits, too: First, she dropped the opening set against 74th-ranked Sorana Cirstea. Then, after forcing a third, Gauff fell behind by a break, ceding 14 of 16 points with a series of mistakes. Later, after getting even at 3-all, Gauff was a mere two points from a loss.

None of that mattered. As she already keeps showing, over and over, Gauff is not a typical 15-year-old. Not a typical tennis player, either. And by getting past Cirstea 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in a little more than two hours, she now has set up yet another Grand Slam showdown against Naomi Osaka.

Less than five months after their memorable meeting at the U.S. Open—Osaka won

that one in straight sets, then consoled a crying Gauff on court and encouraged her to address the spectators -- the two will meet again. Like that time, Osaka is the major's reigning champion and Gauff is making her debut at the tournament.

"I know what to expect," said Gauff, who eliminated seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams in the first round Monday. "I'm excited for a good match."

She was not at her very best on a windy day against Cirstea but managed to figure her way out of trouble repeatedly. Gauff demonstrated plenty of grit, yes, and also enthusiasm, pumping herself up by shaking a fist and yelling, "Come on!" after most of her successful points down the stretch.

Late in the third set, Gauff was told by the chair umpire that a serve she hit didn't count because Cirstea had indicated she wasn't ready to

receive the ball. Gauff said she never looks at an opponent before serving and asked for a head's up next time.

When the point was played for real, Gauff won it and, from up at the net, stared in Cirstea's direction and yelled. There was plenty more of that sort of celebrating the rest of the way, and Gauff was supported by a Melbourne Arena crowd that chanted, "Let's go, Coco! Let's go!"

Her father, Corey, was animated in the stands, too, except when he was squeezing his eyes shut at critical moments.

There were several of those for his precocious daughter, who was ranked only 313th last year when she became the youngest player in history to qualify for Wimbledon, then wound up beating Williams there en route to the fourth round.

It is a measure of her came-soon stardom that Gauff was playing at Melbourne

Park's third-largest stadium Wednesday, even though this was a matchup between a pair of players ranked outside the top 60 and with one career Grand Slam quarterfinal between them, more than a decade ago (Cirstea made it that far at the 2009 French Open).

Indeed, every Grand Slam singles match—"every" being a relative term, of course, because this was No. 9 -- of the 67th-ranked Gauff's nascent career has been placed on a show court.

This was the first main draw match at a major for Gauff in which she held a better ranking than her opponent.

Didn't seem that way at the outset: Gauff dropped the first set. After forcing things to a third, she trailed 3-0. After making it 3-3, Gauff needed to get through one more gut-check: Twice, she was two points from departing.

But the American teenager broke in the next-to-last game, then held to win.



# 49ers impressive turnaround leads to Super Bowl appearance

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** (AP)—As the celebration raged in the victorious 49ers locker room, general manager John Lynch showed off a “Mobile to Miami” T-shirt that symbolized the turnaround in San Francisco.

The team that was so bad a year ago that the coaching staff got rewarded with a week coaching the Senior Bowl in Alabama is now playing for the championship in the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 in Miami against the Kansas City Chiefs.

“It is amazing,” defensive lineman Arik Armstead said. “It means a lot to us, especially going through all of the adversity that we went through over the past couple of years. To be going to the Super Bowl and have the chance to be the top of the league is amazing.”

The 49ers (15-3) got there thanks to a big-play running game led by Raheem Mostert that rushed for 285 yards and a defense that tormented Aaron Rodgers in a 37-20 win over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

That sent the Niners to the Super Bowl for the first time

since the 2012 season.

Only a handful of players such as cornerback Richard Sherman, tackle Joe Staley, receiver Emmanuel Sanders and

center Ben Garland have Super Bowl playing experience.

Coach Kyle Shanahan went there once before as an offensive coordinator for Atlanta in the 2016 season when the Falcons memorably blew a 28-3 lead and lost 34-28 in overtime to New England.

Shanahan took lessons from that game, including never feeling comfortable with a lead. But the biggest thing he learned was how to approach Super Bowl week.

He plans to have a normal week of practice before the team leaves for Miami, with coaches putting in the game plan on Tuesday and then players returning Wednesday for three straight days of practice.

The players will then get Saturday off before leaving for the game on Sunday and getting another week of preparation in Miami.

“We try to do everything



San Francisco 49ers running back Raheem Mostert (31) leaps over the goal line for a touchdown during the NFL NFC Championship football game against the Green Bay Packers, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 in Santa Clara, Calif.

at least 200 yards rushing and at least four TDs.

## WHAT NEEDS HELP

Not much. Just about everything is going right for the Niners, who have won back-to-back playoff games in the season by at least 17 points for the fourth time in franchise history. The first three times that happened ended in championships following the 1984, '88 and '89 seasons. The defense did allow a couple of big pass plays in the second half but the game was well in hand by then and that caused little damage.

before,” Shanahan said. “We definitely know we have the whole week when we get there. But there’s different media obligations that get you out of your routine and everything. You don’t want to play catch-up at the end of the Super Bowl week. You want to do that now.”

## WHAT’S WORKING

Running game. One week af-

ter Tevin Coleman ran for 105 yards and two TDs, Mostert did even better. Mostert had 29 carries for 220 yards and four touchdowns, posting the

second-best rushing total in playoff history to Eric Dickerson’s 248 yards for the Rams on Jan. 4, 1986. Mostert had the 11th game since 1950 with

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Perez said the importance of learning how to swim also comes from her and her husband’s own experience.

“Both Pete and I started swimming seriously when we were 40. In fact, we started swimming to be healthier and then got the crazy idea that we could swim the English Channel as a fundraiser to build a Chamorro canoe.”

The Chamorro Flying Proa Relay Team, an all-Chamorro, all-family, six-member team, successfully completed that 22-mile crossing in 13 hours

and 10 minutes and the *sakman* (large Chamorro canoe) that was built by master carpenter Mario Borja in San Diego was the 47-foot *Che’lu* that is now part of the 500 Sails’ fleet.

Gamsun Project’s free swim classes take place during Public School System half-day Fridays that coincide with higher tides. There are two more classes this semester, on Feb. 7 and 28, from 2pm to 4pm at the Guma Sakman in Susupe. Time includes structured class and free time.

Certified high school lifeguards and teacher assistants are joined by 500 Sails’ volunteers to oversee the program.

Spaces are still available. Email [info@500sails.org](mailto:info@500sails.org) for more information.

500 Sails has participated as an employer for the PSS Co-Op Program for three semesters. Youth get the opportunity to learn hands-on how to assist in building a traditional Chamorro canoe using modern materials. In addition, they are introduced to sailing these canoes themselves. Interested youth should contact their schools.

For more information: email [info@500sails.org](mailto:info@500sails.org), visit website at <http://www.500sails.org>, follow 500 Sails at <https://www.facebook.com/500sails>.

## KANOA

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tel to the 31st running of the Tagaman Triathlon. This event is close to my heart since I’ve been involved in it since the late ’90s. And since it went to Kanoa Resort the race has kind of followed me. I’m so happy to see that TRAC has taken over the responsibility of the organization with partners like Kiyokazu Fitness Club. We couldn’t have done this without them,” he said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Policare added that with the entry of Skymark Airlines Inc., the CNMI’s tourism sector is hoping for an increased number of Japanese tourists and the same is true with athletes taking part in this year’s staging of the Tagaman Triathlon.

“We’re looking at more triathletes from Japan joining the Tagaman because of the availability of direct flights from Japan via Skymark. With our Korean market also rising, we really hope to see a huge rise in international athletes to this event.”

The Kanoa Resort official said his company is donating \$40,000 worth of rooms to the Tagaman Triathlon and it’s the third straight year Kanoa Resort is serving as the host hotel.

“Triathletes are not paid a lot by their sponsors so for TRAC to be able to arrange transportation is a big deal. We also give them a little bit of a break on hotel rooms, as some of the athletes would stay for free and we do offer discounts for family and friends of the

athletes. We want to make it easy for everyone who wants to be a part of it in one level or another... March is also typically our sports month so we have a lot of things going on and Kanoa Resort will be at the finish line to help this event along,” said Policare.

In all, Kanoa Resort serving as host hotel for the 31st Tagaman Triathlon is not only a boon to organizers and triathletes, but also allows the hotel to promote itself to its key markets of Korea and Japan.

“This is shaping up to be one of our signature events. The packet pick up is here, the banquet is here. This event is really becoming synonymous with Kanoa Resort. We’re super happy. It creates a buzz. It’s a great time of the year and we’re so happy to be part of the event again this year.”

TRAC secretary general Ricky Castro said he’s ecstatic that Kanoa Resort is onboard again as a sponsor for the 2020 Tagaman Triathlon.

“We’ve got a real good partnership with Kanoa Resort so we’ve really happy that they once again agreed to serve as our hotel host this year. The rooms they’re donating really goes a long way in helping us organize the event. In behalf of the TRAC board and its officers, we’d like to thank Kanoa Resort general manager Martin Jambor and, of course, Glenn for signing off on this year’s sponsorship deal,” he said.

The 2-kilometer swim, 60-km bike, and 15-km run Tagaman

Triathlon is set for March 21. The starting point and swim leg will be at Minachom Atdao. Bikers will transition at Kilili Pavilion parking lot in Susupe, head south to Airport Road, north to Banzai Cliff, and back south to Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe for the finish line.

Cash prizes await the Top 3 finishers in the women’s and men’s open categories: \$1,000 for first place, \$700 for second place, and \$500 for third place. Medals and T-shirts will be awarded to all finishers.

The Tagaman Triathlon is an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority, aimed at attracting visiting athletes and media to the tropical shores of the Northern Marianas. The event is co-organized by MVA and TRAC.

Early sponsors for the 31st Tagaman Triathlon are Kanoa Resort as the official hotel, Neo Timing System, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, TSL Foundation, Bridge Capital LLC, Triple J, MARPAC, and Skymark Airlines Inc.

The Tagaman Triathlon was established by the then Marianas Visitors Board managing director J.M. Guerrero, to promote tourism, and with the help of Kinki Nippon Tours and a trip to Miyakojima for their major triathlon, a small island south of Japan, the seed was planted.

Registration for the 31st Tagaman Triathlon is available online at [www.saipantriathlon.com](http://www.saipantriathlon.com) or [www.webscorer.com](http://www.webscorer.com) by searching the event name or Race ID 198830.

## IT&E

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5-0 Blue Haus with his 34 points while Diaz and Guiab added 28 and 27 markers for good measure. Jugos led Gilas Batang’s losing cause with 18 points. Gilas Batang dropped to 1-3 in the win-loss table.

In the other masters match-up last Saturday, IT&E took its lumps against Islander Rent A Car in the first three quarters of their game before making a comeback in the fourth to score an 84-69 victory.

IT&E and Islander Rent A Car fought to a virtual standstill in the first canto, 19-19. Dexter Tenorio fired 9 points for IT&E and Fradel Sedillo 12 for Islander Rent A Car in the first 10 minutes of the match.

Mike Umali and Rocyl Ritual entered the scoring fray for Islander Rent A Car come the second quarter and the added offensive punch allowed them to snare the lead, 40-31, at halftime.

After a quiet second quarter, Tenorio came back to life

to life in the third as IT&E managed to cut Islander Rent A Car’s lead to 7 in the third. Sedillo managed another 7 points in the quarter to allow Islander Rent A Car to keep the advantage.

IT&E’s minor uprising turned into all-out revolt in the fourth as Tenorio’s guns continued to blaze and guards Amor Zapata and George Poquiz joined in the action. Ritual was the only offensive spark for Islander Rent A Car in the fourth, as IT&E rallied and completely overran them in the payoff period to complete the comeback.

The win was the second straight for IT&E, which improved to 3-2, while the loss dropped Islander Rent A Car to the same record as their conqueror’s in the masters division.

Tenorio took home best player of the game honors with 34 points, while center Andy Viola chipped in 15 for IT&E. Sedillo paced Islander Rent A Car with 19 while Ritual added 15.

The UFO caging resumes

tonight with its usual Thursday doubleheader with Pacific Marine taking on Saipan Vegas in the 6pm first game in the masters division. The second game will then pit Pacific Islands Club against Shirley’s Coffee Shop in the 7:30pm second game in the open division. Both games will be played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## MASTERS

**Blue Haus 130** – Peredo 34, E. Diaz 28, Guiab 27, Berline 12, T. Diaz 10, Buenabaja 8, Esdrelon 7, Garcia 5.

**Gilas Batang 76** – Jugos 18, Lumanlan 16, Patawaran 13, De Jesus 13, Dacumos 8, Sangoto 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 36-14, 73-38, 103-56, 130-76.

**IT&E 84** – Tenorio 34, Viola 15, Pineda 12, Zapata 12, Poquiz 11.

**Islander Rent A Car 69** – Sedillo 19, Ritual 15, Saplan 13, Umali 9, Karwana 4, Calbone 4, Ebuon 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-19, 31-40, 54-61, 84-69.





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## Kanoa Resort to host Tagaman anew



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Kanoa Resort director of operations Glenn Policare poses with Triathlon Association of the CNMI secretary general Ricky Castro, president Florence Antonio, and adviser Paul Plunkett and Kiyokazu Fitness Club's Kiyokazu Onishi and Kazue Hiwatashi at the Susupe hotel lobby yesterday.

Triathlon Association of the CNMI and Kanoa Resort formalized the latter's hosting duties anew yesterday at the Susupe hotel and the hotel's director of operations, Glenn



Policare, couldn't be happier with the development.

"Once again Kanoa Resort will be the host ho-

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For a third straight year Kanoa Resort will serve as the host hotel for the Tagaman Triathlon—the longest running sporting event in western Pacific and named after the ancient Chamorro chief Taga.

## 35 sign up for 500 Sails' free swimming lessons

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A total of 35 have signed up

for 500 Sails' Gamsun Project that provides free swim classes for all school age youth.

The non-profit organiza-

tion's co-founder Emma Perez said aside from the 35 registrants, seven high school lifeguards/teachers also showed

up during the first day of free swimming lessons held last Friday, Jan. 17.

"Almost all the registrants were first-timers with about half from higher grades. It went great! We were all very happy to be in the water with the youth again," she said in email to *Saipan Tribune*.

500 Sails launched its Gamsun Project because it believes swimming as equally important when you are starting a seafaring program on the islands.

"As 500 Sails works toward cultural revival, swimming is an essential component. It's also a life skill that can help better our community's health both physically and mentally. Getting the youth in the water is key. All of our group classes are free to make them as accessible as possible," she said.



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500 Sails' Gamsun Project started its free swimming lessons last Friday in the waters off Guma Sakman in Susupe.

## IT&E scores upset; Blue Haus still perfect

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IT&E pulled off an upset of sorts and Blue Haus continued its dominance as the masters division of the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League continued Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Blue Haus showed no mercy against Gilas Batang with the league-leaders controlling the match wire-to-wire, winning in a yawner, 130-76.

Forwards Ehrol Peredo and Junar Guiab started hostilities by firing 13 and 10 points, respectively, as Blue Haus zoomed to a 36-14 advantage right from the get-go, as Gilas Batang neither impressed nor showed youthfulness, which is ironic given their team name (*gilas* means excellent and *batang* means youth in Filipino).

Peredo continued to pour it on in the second canto, bedazzling all defenders en route to 11 more points as Blue Haus continued to widen their lead, 73-38, entering the halftime break.

Gilas Batang's John Jugos was the lone bright spot in the first half, as the sweet-shooting forward connected on five triples for 15 points in the second half, but it still proved no match against Blue Haus' torrent of points.

Ed Diaz picked up where Peredo left off in the third, as the former CNMI national player pumped in 15 points in the third on a combination of fast-break layups, slashes to the basket, and 3-pointers.

That more than made up for a "down" 6-point quarter by Peredo and Blue Haus nearly doubled up Gilas Batang, 103-56, going into the final 10 minutes of the non-contest.

With no 10-run rule to save Gilas Batang, Blue Haus continued the massacre in the fourth. Guiab went back to beast mode in the quarter, barreling his way for 13 more points, as Blue Haus completed the 54-point route.

Best player of the game Peredo top-scored for the now

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MARK RABAGO

IT&E's Dexter Tenorio goes up against Islander Rent A Car's Rocy Ritual during their masters division game in the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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